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BRIDGEND BECOMES SUFFRAGETTE CITY!



IN A crazy timeslip, Suffragists from 1918 met the Winston Churchill of World War Two – with Field Marshal Montgomery nearby – on the steps of Carnegie

House in Bridgend - all part of Wartime Bridgend, which was held on June 16.

In this photo, by David Swidenbank, is the Suffragist assaulting the police officer or congratulating him that he too was granted the vote in 1918 along with

women over the age of 30?

We shall never know...

Suffragists from Porthcawl Museum were part of the event in Bridgend, and entertained the crowds with rousing protest songs of the era and a parade through the town, ending, appropriately, at Bridgend's war memorial.

Turn to Pages 30 and 31 for more great photographs of Wartime Bridgend.

AJ

Men to climb five peaks in 55 hours for charity

THIS summer, two men from Bridgend will be among a group of 13 who will climb five UK mountains in 55 hours, to raise funds for children's hospice Tŷ Hafan.

Angelo Pucello (40) and 30-year-old Lee Morgan are members of the 'Tŷ Hafan Dads' group, a support network that formed in 2008 for fathers of children who have used Tŷ Hafan now or in the past.

Mr Pucello will be joined on the challenge by his brother Dan, and Lee's brother Laurence will be his climbing companion.

On July 4, the four will set off with their fellow group members to climb Ben Nevis in

Scotland, Scafell Pike in England, and Snowdon, Cadair Idris and Pen y Fan in Wales – all in 55 hours.

Climbing a combined height of 5,187m and covering over 36 miles in total, the challenge is certainly about the dads pushing themselves to their physical limits.

Mr Pucello lost his son Luca a few weeks before Christmas last year, just after Luca had turned 11.

He had been diagnosed with a very rare and life-limiting condition at two years old. Luca spent the remaining years of his life in and out of hospital, but Tŷ Hafan helped his father and the rest of the family give Luca as normal a life as possible.

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Latest regeneration plans for Porthcawl unveiled by council

LONG-AWAITED regeneration plans for Porthcawl have been unveiled with assurances that work can finally progress now that Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has full ownership of the Salt Lake site.

The town has suffered from a decades-long deadlock between leaseholders – two local families – and the landowners BCBC.

The authority has now paid the two Evans families £3.5m to relinquish their rights, meaning it can press on with plans to regenerate the area.

Proposals involve an upgrade to the promenade, a supermarket, two hotels, housing and a leisure site.

Presenting the plans to Porthcawl Town Council on Thursday, June 14, regeneration officer Andrew Parry-Jones said they were

based on the current market appetite.

He said: "One of the other big problems we had before was the timing of when we went out to market – we had the economic downturn and then tied into that was the housing crash and the superstore market crash."

He added: "We are having to think differently."

There are several areas of regeneration and development being planned. They are:

- An upgrade to the Eastern Promenade. The cabinet member for regeneration at BCBC, Cllr Charles Smith, told councillors and members of the public on Thursday: "One of the reasons why people will be coming to Porthcawl will be to promenade along the Eastern Prom – we want it to be a continental-style boulevard attraction."

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DECADES-LONG DEADLOCK BETWEEN FAMILIES AND COUNCIL IS BROKEN

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WALKOUTS, ROWS AND ENDLESS HOURS OF DISCUSSION...

Just another quiet day in Westminster!

DO you enjoy your job? This is one of the top five questions I am asked whenever I have a schools-based question and answer session.

The truth is I love my job, but there are aspects that are less enjoyable than others.

A top unenjoyable is voting in the Commons. What the television viewer sees is the calling out of loud No's, and Aye's and the Speaker bellowing Division. What happens next is long and boring.

We queue to enter the Aye and No lobbies through two entrances at the rear of the Chamber or via a main entrance behind the Speaker's chair, if voting aye or at members' lobby if voting no.

Accessing the entrances at the rear of the Chamber is difficult if you have to cross the floor to enter the lobby you wish to vote in.

Members are often trying to leave their benches and come down the aisle steps, the other side are seeking to come up.

The aisle quickly becomes log jammed because once through the door into the lobby the steps down are blocked by the sea of people coming in from the main entrance to vote.

The log jam of people then has to divide into three queues to pass raised desks where tellers take your

WESTMINSTER NOTEBOOK

Bridgend MP MADELEINE MOON writes her monthly report from Westminster for The GEM.



name and record which lobby you have voted in. Each vote takes 15 minutes.

During the first day of the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill, Consideration of Lords Amendments, we spent three hours going back and forth between the Chamber and the voting lobbies to vote on 12 amendments that had been collected or 'bunched' together for voting.

The three hours of voting left no time for the second half of the debate's bunched amendments. The debate started just before 7pm with the minister setting out the government position and, by 7.15pm, the agreed time for the debate to conclude was reached. It was time to start voting again.

At 7.30pm the Points of Order started and continued until 8.22pm. Thus more time was spent on Points of Order angry about the lack of debate than debating the Lords Amendments.

This prepared the way for a full-blown row during Prime Minister's questions and more problems in the voting lobby the next day.

The convention of PMQs is to give six

questions to the Prime Minister from the Leader of the Opposition, then two questions to the leader of the Scottish Nationalist Party.

The SNP spokesman (Ian Blackford MP) asked a question of the Prime Minister about the amount of time given to debate the amendments to the EU Withdrawal Bill on the Scottish amendments. In response to her reply he demanded that the House now sit in private.

This is an arcane Parliamentary procedure which would have meant clearing the public and press galleries and turning off the television cameras. This required a vote which the SNP had no chance of winning.

The Speaker suggested waiting until after PMQ's. The SNP spokesman refused to sit down thus stopping procedures from continuing and the Speaker ordered Mr Blackford to leave the Chamber and the Palace for a day. All of the SNP MPs then left the Chamber to hold a press conference and PMQ's continued.

When we came to vote that evening the SNP members (minus

Mr Blackford) staged a sit-in in the No lobby, thus prolonging each vote.

We started at 7.28pm and eight votes later stopped at 9.30pm.

The consequences of these votes will rumble on.

There is still a lack of clarity about an agreement between the Prime Minister and her rebels on day one that will have a huge impact on future votes.

Six Labour MPs resigned their shadow posts.

The SNP walking-out stunt led to 'spontaneous' demonstrations by SNP members in Scotland, some suspect to pave the way for demands for a further Independence vote, Catalonia having shown how this may play out.

There were no winners over the last two days.

The Lords will now debate the Government's response to their amendments and the numbers of votes opposing the government.

Their deliberations then return to the Commons probably in two weeks.

The country remains deeply divided.

Europe remains confused about what it is we are painfully working our way towards.

The long-term consequences of the events of the last two days will change Britain's future.

I am now a total convert to the concept of electronic voting.

On a more local issue, I'm hosting an Equalitea to celebrate the 100 years since women were given the vote. It's in St Mary's Noltan church hall on Friday, June 29 at 3.30pm.

The Tenovus choir will be singing, donations to Y Bont. If you would like to come please give my office a call.

GEM Readers' Letters

Ignorant people don't know how to behave in cinemas...

IWOULD like to congratulate The GEM's Gareth Jamieson for his fortitude in attending the cinema on a regular basis for his Screen Talk film reviews.

I will be relying on Mr Jamieson's column to keep me updated in future, as my husband has refused to make any further family cinema trips after a disappointing experience at the weekend.

Not the film – it was really enjoyable. Less so were the other people who had come to do their utmost to disrupt the screening.

Everyone paid hard-earned cash to see the latest blockbuster, so why do people insist on talking incessantly throughout?

Worse still were the people sitting next to us who spent most of the time on their mobile phones ignoring the film, despite being politely asked not to do so as it was distracting.

One woman appeared to be having a full-blown picnic, constantly venturing into her bag to retrieve all manner of noisy goodies, including crisps, crunchy biscuits, tightly-wrapped sweets and made sure that she slurped every last molecule of her drink through her straw to get her money's worth.

I hope that the young children, who needed every plot twist loudly explained to them by their parents, didn't suffer from nightmares after witnessing on-screen content that was inappropriate for them.

There were no members of staff monitoring behaviour in the cinema – but it's not their job to do so.

None of these people seemed the slightest bit interested in the action on-screen, so why bother spending money on a ticket when they could have stayed at home and been as anti-social as they liked?

I go to the cinema fairly often and it is increasingly obvious that people are unaware how to behave in a manner that doesn't offend others.

C Bailey, St Athan.

A miracle in Sarn

I'VE just had a wonderful experience at the new controversial traffic lights at the junction of Heol Ganol, Bryncoch Road and Heol Cwrdd in Sarn, close to Sarn Club and the Filco store.

Traffic in all directions was flowing smoothly with normal rules of the road being observed, with no queues and probably less pollution from waiting traffic.

What was the cause of this miracle I hear you ask? The simple answer was that the traffic lights were switched off! Steve Kingscott, Sarn.

ALL LIES, DAMN LIES...

ITHINK everyone is pretty cynical about how statistics are used these days, but I hope The GEM will not mind me pointing out an unusual case where one set of dodgy stats originally quoted in this newspaper is now being used by another group for a totally different purpose.

It was harmless at first, and it came about when Bridgend Railway Station was revamped. The press release printed in The GEM said that "1.5 million passengers a year pass through the station".

Now, Bridgend is not that big a station, so I was surprised. At first, I thought someone was counting people taking a train to Swansea from Cardiff, not stopping at Bridgend, but I thought no PR man or PR woman would have the nerve to try that.

However, thinking it through the numbers became easier to understand. Let's take one commuter working in Swansea or Cardiff. He/she will 'pass through' the station twice a day.

Working a five-day week means 10 per week, and five weeks' holiday means 47 x 10 = 470 in a year.

All of a sudden, you don't need so many passengers to get up to that 1.5 million who 'pass through'.

So far so harmless – until the recent formation of action groups opposing the M4 to A48 link road, which aims to improve road

access to the airport.

Now, the action groups have decided that one tactic is to rubbish Cardiff Airport. It might turn out to be counter-productive, but for the moment, letter writers to The GEM are presenting the airport as a costly white elephant that will never be a success, so why waste money building better roads?

So, how to rubbish the airport? Why not point out that it only handles the same number of passengers as Bridgend Railway Station? I have seen at least two pieces in The GEM quoting this 'fact'.

To a neutral observer, it seems a bit daft to make this claim. After all, Cardiff Airport Terminal Building is just a touch bigger than Bridgend's station.

The number of people who work at the airport, I suggest, is quite a bit bigger than those who work at the railway station.

What's more, although the airport is keen to capture business traffic it is pretty obvious that the vast majority of passengers are people flying off to foreign climes.

I would be interested to know if the airport counts one passenger going out to Majorca and then coming back as 'one' or 'two' passengers, but even if it's two, it's blindingly obvious that there is an enormous difference of scale between the airport and the railway station.

We tend to think that only big corporations and political parties misuse statistics, but these days, it seems that anyone will.

Name and address supplied

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JUNE 28)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
21 Thur	00.59	8.60	13.37	8.4
22 Fri	02.06	8.4	14.45	8.3
23 Sat	03.14	8.3	15.52	8.4
24 Sun	04.21	8.5	16.53	8.6
25 Mon	05.18	8.6	17.44	8.7
26 Tues	06.07	8.9	18.28	9.1
27 Wed	06.49	9.1	19.09	9.2
28 Thur	07.28	9.2	19.47	9.3

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Llynfi Valley party bake-off on June 30

THE inaugural Great Llynfi Valley Party Bake-off will take place at the Coytrahen Community Centre on Saturday, June 30.

Doors will open at 11.30am, with judging commencing at 12.30pm. Contestants are requested to bake their

culinary masterpiece at home and bring it to the centre on the morning.

For the first year the challenge will be a Sponge Bake and the victorious creator will receive a cash prize of £40, with a £20 prize for the runner-up.

Spectators are most welcome for 'a slice of the action'.

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Cuts and weather responsible for Bridgend grass cutting problems

HIGHWAYS chiefs in Bridgend are blaming huge cuts to their budgets and the weather for the "terrible" state of grass cutting in the county this year.

Bridgend County Borough councillors say areas have been left overgrown while other open spaces have just not been cut properly.

Bryncethin ward councillor Gary Thomas (Labour) said: "The grass cutting is terrible. Is there anyone checking these contractors? I don't think there is."

The council's head of streetscene, Zak Shell, said "rapid growth" due to the rain and warm temperatures had contributed to problems.

He said: "There has been a few issues this year. We had a good start to the season and the contractor was on schedule, but we have had to reduce the number of grass cuts compared to what the borough used to have to save money and that, together with the rapid growth, means the borough doesn't look as good."

"There have also been some areas where the quality of work has been questionable as well and we have sent contractors back saying it's not good enough."

"There is a team that does some level of supervision but like all the other management areas, it's massively reduced."

However, Mr Shell said around half the complaints coming into

the local authority this season was actually not its fault.

He said: "This year Valleys to Coast (V2C) has had problems with its grass cutting contract and there's a lot of individuals who don't appreciate just how much of the open space grass in the county is owned by V2C."

"We have had an awful lot of complaints saying 'the council is doing a terrible job on grass cutting this year' when around 50 per cent of the time it's not an area of grass we are responsible for."

Cllr Elaine Venables (independent) of Coychurch Lower Ward, said: "It's not a surprise that when it's sunny, warm and rainy the grass grows because that happens every year."

"If I was a grass cutting contractor I would know that - the main issue with the grass is when they cut it, they just need to cut it properly. It's not rocket science, is it?"

The subject overview and scrutiny committee took place on Tuesday June 12.

HERDS of goats could be seen ambling across Bridgend county if one councillor's suggestion to tackle overgrown areas is taken up.

County councillor Matthew Voisey put forward the idea of using goats to mow down vegetation in response to increasing frustrations over untidy roadside verges, long grass, and messy open spaces.

Speaking during a council meeting on highways services, the Oldcastle Ward councillor asked: "Is there any opportunity where we have vegetation it could be safe to have herds of goats instead of people? I believe they will clear areas very effectively in a natural way - brambles, nettles, they love it. It's just a thought."

The council's aptly-named communities director Mark Shephard quipped: "I'm not sure of the HR policies on employing goats. It's not something we look at but it's an interesting point."

"There seems to be a general move to more environmentally-friendly

and ecologically-friendly type solutions."

"Frankly, I'm happy to look at any solutions, it probably falls into the category of innovation."

The overview and scrutiny meeting took place on Tuesday June 12.

There are many successful schemes operated around the UK that use livestock to manage grass, brambles, and other vegetation.

For more than six years, Bournemouth Borough Council (BBC) has allowed a small herd of goats to graze an enclosed clifftop and steep cliffside area called Honeycombe Chine in Boscombe.

The trial scheme at Boscombe saw the goats consume much of undergrowth and save taxpayers tens of thousands of pounds.

The herd was placed on a stretch of sloping cliff and restored the natural habitat by eating invasive plant life such as bamboo, Japanese knotweed, and holm oak.

Last year, it expanded the project to include Alum Chine, some miles west along the coast.

Speaking to the Bournemouth Echo last year, Stuart Clarke, conservation and

countryside manager at BBC, said: "In 2014 we entered into an environmental stewardship agreement with Natural England to manage our unique cliff habitats with the key aim to restore the cliffs to a more natural state for the benefit of the important native plants and animals that live there."

"This means controlling the spread of invasive non-native species such as holm oak and Hottentot fig."

"We know from our experience of goat grazing at Honeycombe Chine that this is a very effective and sustainable way of achieving this aim therefore, we plan to introduce goat grazing to

other suitable areas including the cliff between Alum Chine and Middle Chine."

What do GEM readers think about Cllr Voisey's idea?

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Harry Gardiner (left) presenting the trophy to Glyn Edmunds.

The Pyle and Porthcawl Photographic Club battles it out

WE recently hosted our annual seven-way battle where we invited six other clubs along to compete for the trophy - Bridgend, Rhondda, the Vale, Aberdare and Neath.

It was a great battle this year with some excellent entries from all clubs.

The event was expertly judged by Harry Gardiner from Tenby and

I'm delighted to announce that this year we won!

We're a very friendly camera club with a mix of male and female members and welcome new members of all ages and skill levels, it's all very informal: so if you have an interest in photography, why not come along and join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm at St Clare's School, Newton.

Our programme is available at www.pyle-porthcawl-ps.co.uk.

GEOFF BAKER

Chorale du Lac entertains

THE sun shone brightly and the voices sang out when Chorale du Lac visited Bridgend recently.

The Chorale, a small choir from Bridgend's twin town of Villeneuve d'Ornon, entertained at two venues.

In the first concert they joined with Tabernacle Choir and the excellent Strings Plus ensemble at Tabernacle Chapel and secondly, they performed at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl with Sounds Familiar and Mynydd Cynffig Primary School.

Both concerts showcased the quality of youth music in our area, both instrumental and choral and added extra variety to the programme.

The visit of the chorale had been arranged by Bridgend Town Twinning Association (BTTA) and a full programme of activities and visits had been organised.

In addition to the concerts a Twmpath was enjoyed, with dancing from Dawnswyr Penybont, a visit to Penderyn Whisky distillery and a brunch to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

Hats and fascinators

were the dress code as guests arrived at Reybah, Broadlands to watch Prince Harry and Meghan tie the knot.

It was a wonderful spectacle of British pageantry which we seem to do extremely well. Many thanks to Scott at Reybah for providing us with a celebration to be proud of - a full 'Welsh' breakfast followed by croissants and pastries, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

During their stay in Bridgend, the party of 26 visitors were all hosted by local families and, in particular, by members of Tabernacle Choir.

BTTA is very grateful to these families for extending a very warm Welsh welcome to our French friends - they really enjoyed their stay.

Hopefully they will return in 2020, with Tabernacle Choir having an invite to sing again in Villeneuve d'Ornon in September 2019.

If you would like to become a member of BTTA contact our secretary Mrs Madeleine Walters through our website at www.bridgendtowntwinning.co.uk.

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Will Bridgend health board change 'strengthen regional partnership'?

THE Welsh Government have announced that from April next year, Cwm Taf University Health Board will be responsible for healthcare services in the Bridgend County Borough Council area.

Health services for people in the Bridgend area are currently provided by Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABM), with accompanying partnership structures in the delivery of social services across Western Bay.

A spokesperson said: "This

creates a particular challenge for public services in Bridgend which are increasingly working with others across the Cardiff Capital Region to deliver economic growth and improvement in education.

"The change will 'align' economic, education, health and social services partnership arrangements for Bridgend County Borough firmly within the Cardiff Capital Region."

The Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services, Vaughan Gething, said: "In making this decision, we recognise that people's health

needs are 'best served by strong, integrated partnership arrangements'.

"I am grateful to the health boards for their continued engagement throughout this process.

"I look forward to working with them and others over the coming months to deliver the new partnership arrangements, putting in place a strong foundation for sustaining and improving public services."

WG Spokesperson.

Council has a bright idea

A £1.5M 'active travel network' that connects homes, schools and businesses in Pencoed includes a new 'glow in the dark' path that will guide walkers and cyclists during the winter months.

The 300-metre path, which runs through the Woodlands playing fields to link up Brook Vale with Llwyn Gwern, has a photo-luminescent resin surface that harnesses UV light during the day so that it can emit a gentle light to help make the route visible in the dark.

From Llwyn Gwern, the safe off-road route continues through to Pencoed Comprehensive School and Croesty Primary School, forming part of a wider scheme to improve active travel

Daylight is not the best time to see the path's glow-in-the-dark function.



access in Pencoed which has been funded from the Welsh Government's Safe Routes in Communities programme.

Hailing the new path as an example of how to encourage residents to choose more active forms of travel over cars,

Cllr Richard Young, the council's cabinet member for communities said: "This is the first time we've installed such a surface in the county borough as an alternative to more traditional lighting so that the path can be used at night."

"It's a really exciting innovation and we are sure that this route will be popular with pupils and parents, providing a realistic option for cars to be left at home for the daily school run."

"We are grateful to the Welsh Government for their continuing financial support. This has seen an investment totalling more than £1.5m in Pencoed over the past three years."

"I am also thrilled to announce that we have successfully bid for additional funding to complete a third phase of the scheme in Pencoed which will extend the existing off-road route from Coychurch."

"The pavement will be widened along the western side of Coychurch Road to create a new off-road route for cyclists and pedestrians from the junction of Coychurch Road/Pencoed Way right through to the school gates."

"Active Travel improvements take time, energy and money, but we are excited that an extensive network of safe cycling and walking routes is coming together in Bridgend county borough."

The initial idea for a path through the fields came from a young pupil

at Croesty Primary School.

Headteacher Martin Kaye said: "Our pupils always enjoy the opportunity to travel on two wheels so are keen participants in the Active Journeys programme which is delivered in our school by the council and Sustrans."

"Children discussed what was preventing them cycling, walking or scootering to school, and suggested the possibility of a path through the playing fields. They are really excited to see that idea become reality."

BCBC Leader, Cllr Huw David said: "The last few years have seen a significant change in how local authorities approach the planning of walking and cycling schemes as a result of the Active Travel (Wales) Act introduced by Welsh Government."

"Schemes such as this make it possible for people to leave their cars at home and choose a healthier, greener form of travel for shorter everyday journeys as part of their daily routine, and set a trend that can be continued by future generations."

"The recent announcement of an additional £60m funding for Active Travel in Wales over the next three years from Welsh Government will hopefully mean that we will be able to deliver many more such schemes in Bridgend county borough in the coming years."

BCBC Spokesperson.

Hope to see you there...



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'Make the most of digital apps' says councillor

BRIDGEND County Council is failing to make the most of digital apps when it comes to reporting problems such as pot holes, dirty signs and grass cutting, claims the council's deputy mayor.

Cllr Stuart Baldwin said councillors spend "an awful lot of time" passing on complaints over highways issues because they don't know if the problem has already been reported.

Speaking at the council's overview and scrutiny committee meeting on Tuesday June 12, Cllr Baldwin asked whether the council could introduce a reporting app.

He said: "We are failing to utilise the finer things of digital transformation that would make things easier for people that report things like grass cutting, pot holes and dirty signs. "If we could look to

see whether a problem has been reported, we don't have to waste time in reporting it ourselves."

He added: "We've seen the apps that Torfaen Council uses to manage customer expectation and understanding on what is going on in that area."

"If you can see that 15 people have already reported a pothole and you can see that something is already being done, it takes away that perception in our communities that the council does nothing because we know that's not true."

The council's head of streetscene, Zak Shell, said a 'street report app' was on its way. He said: "It's coming, everything you talked about is planned for the future."

"A few years ago, we were relying on spreadsheets and paper-based systems so we have moved on a long way and we continue to move."

Council set to slash rents to try and save indoor market

BRIDGEND Indoor Market is expected to make a loss of nearly £200,000 this year as growing numbers of traders leave over high rents.

The market, which is run by Bridgend County Borough Council, (BCBC) is half empty with four traders having left since March and no new ones signing up.

A report that went before cabinet members on Tuesday, June 19, urged "radical and prompt" action.

Officers are recommending a permanent 25 per cent reduction in rent for current traders from July to try and prevent any more traders leaving, with rents to be frozen until April 2020.

Other proposals involve almost halving the current asking rents

for new traders, installing new signs and displays and creating an open 'central market square' with a play area, children's rides, seating, temporary pop-up stalls, cultural events and ad hoc events such as trade and craft fairs.

The council has a 99-year leasehold interest on the market, part of the Rhiw Shopping Centre, which started on June 19, 1972.

The lease is reviewed every 14 years but was last reviewed in 2007 – just before the financial crisis.

Many traders cite the rents being too high, compared to other retail units in Bridgend and similar markets in Wales as their main reason for leaving, as well as the high vacancy rate.

The council is losing more and more money as a result with officers saying it is no longer sustainable. The full

running costs for the market are currently estimated to be around £360,000 a year. With current traders paying a total of £174,331, in rent it leaves the council with a loss of £193,510 for 2018-19.

The officer's report notes: "While over the years the council has made significant investment in the market, including £600,000 on a new market roof, budget constraints have largely limited investment in more recent years to essential maintenance."

"Therefore, much of the external signage, displays and public areas do not present an attractive shopping environment, which is exacerbated by vacant stalls."

Officers say the 50 per cent drop in current rates for new traders would recognise that existing traders "in the main" occupy the prime positions in the market space.

Agents appointed to market the pitches say rents need to be just over 50 per cent of current levels to compare favourably with town centre retail unit rents.

They have had no firm offers since January, despite asking rates being set at just over 70 per cent of the level paid by existing stall-holders.

Measures to help revive the market have already involved granting rent rebates to existing traders from December 2017 to March 2018 but rents are now back to what they were.

Proposals also involve lifting restrictions on what traders can sell so new traders can be accepted, even if they sell goods similar to those already available in the market.

The council is aiming to achieve an average 85 per cent occupancy.

Officers say the proposed changes will result in a budget shortfall that will be addressed through earmarked reserves in 2018-19 but point out a longer-term solution will need to be developed.

Potential investment for some of the improvements would be funded by the council and the Rhiw Shopping Centre owners who have provisionally agreed £5,000.

LDR

Howell Davies 1932-2018

HOWELL DAVIES, who died last week, was a well-known local artist and a familiar figure around Porthcawl.

Brought up in the small mining community of Gilfach Goch in Rhondda Cynon Taf, he received no formal art training but rapidly achieved success in exhibitions throughout the community.

Beginning his career as an apprentice to a firm of coach painters and decorators, Howell was happy familiarising himself with colour and its application.

In 1952, he enlisted for National Service where he gained further experience as a sign writer before studying at Cardiff college of art for his City and Guilds.

In 1958, his painting of Barry docks was one of 90 chosen from 720 entries. That year, he was invited to London by the President of the Royal Society for British Artists Exhibition and also had his work accepted in Eisteddfod week at Ebbw Vale.

Two more of his paintings were exhibited the following year at the Caernarvon Eisteddfod.

Ten years later, the Western Mail and Echo exhibited 20 of Howell's paintings, ranging in subject matter from landscapes to cottages and miners' houses in Ferndale.

In 1972, he had 40 paintings exhibited at the New Theatre, Cardiff; a culmination of two years' work.

Howell continued throughout his life to paint the scenery and buildings he knew as a child. Many have since become derelict or disappeared but



Howell Davies, who sadly passed away last week.

cottages, churches, streets and scenes live on in his paintings.

The funeral takes place at Coychurch crematorium at 11.30am on Tuesday, June 26. By Howell's request, no black clothing.

JAN DAVIES

Your chance to commend those who have gone the extra mile

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Volunteer Achievement Awards 2018 in November at the Heronston Hotel in Bridgend, which will provide an ideal opportunity to recognise and thank volunteers in the county borough.

There are eight categories, including awards for charity shop of the year, befriending and mentoring, volunteers aged under and over 25 years, trustee of the year, volunteer project of the year, sports volunteer and outstanding volunteer contribution.

The deadline for nominations is 12 noon on Tuesday, September 4.

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Woman who falsely accused a man of sexual assault jailed

CLAIRE MORGAN (35), of Wildmill, Bridgend, was sentenced to 30 months imprisonment at Cardiff Crown Court last week.

She pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing.

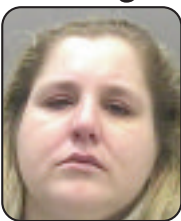
The court heard that Morgan called South Wales Police on May 14, 2017 reporting that she had been sexually assaulted by a male taxi driver in Bridgend three days before.

She provided a statement to officers giving a detailed description of the taxi journey and the suspect.

The incident was investigated and led to the arrest and interview of a taxi driver.

The taxi driver was released on bail with conditions and due to his occupation his taxi licence was suspended with immediate effect, meaning his only source of income for himself and his family was removed.

The court heard that Morgan, during the investigation, made a false Facebook profile claiming to have witnessed the incident in response to a police media appeal. She also called Crimestoppers pretending to be a witness to the incident.



Claire Morgan was imprisoned after falsely accusing a taxi driver of rape.

The investigating officer identified evidential difficulties during the investigation and after six weeks, the taxi driver was informed that he was no longer under investigation and released with no further action.

As a result of information supplied to Detective Constable Steve Gunney of Barry CID, the investigation changed in direction as it was suspected Morgan had made a false allegation of sexual assault.

Judge Eleri Rees, when passing sentence, stated that the defendant had wasted a considerable amount of police time and resources. She added that the victim had spent six hours in police custody and was not able to work for around seven weeks

while investigation.

Detective Constable Steve Gunney said: "Thankfully, false allegations of this nature are relatively rare but as Judge Eleri Rees rightly pointed out, they do divert vital resources away from genuine cases."

"Claire Morgan went to great lengths to ensure her version of events was believed and her actions will have wasted valuable police time which could have been far better spent seeking justice for genuine victims. Her allegations also had a devastating impact on the man she accused. I hope she uses her time in prison to reflect on the harm her lies have caused."

"South Wales Police has a dedicated Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO) team which takes all reports of sexual offences seriously. We work closely with partners, including the Crown Prosecution Service and Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC), to ensure victims who find the courage to come forward to report crimes committed against them are treated with dignity and respect and are given the specialist support they require."

"I would urge anyone who has been the victim of a sexual offence to report it via 101, or 999 in an emergency."

SWP

News in brief

Coffee at the Tabernacl
A COFFEE morning will be held at Tabernacl Hall (Derwen Road, Bridgend) on Thursday, June 21 from 10am to 12pm.

Admission will be £2 and proceeds will be donated to the chapel charities for this year, which include The Madagascar Appeal, research into Alzheimer's Disease and Y Bont. Welcome to all. Croeso i bawb.

Charity night for KPC

COME along, get a crowd of friends together and have a great night on Friday, June 22 at The Grove Golf Club, (near Porthcawl) at 7.30pm.

KPC are holding their annual charity evening with some fab entertainment by Lauren Jade & The Hats.

Tickets on sale now from KPC, £5 in advance or £7 on the door. Call 01656 749219/745399.

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MAESTEG ENJOYS A BUMPER WEEKEND AT HOSPITAL FETE

DESPITE bad weather, Maesteg's 62nd hospital fete went ahead in heavy rain.

Stallholders danced to music and children and adults enjoyed browsing round the busy stalls. Volunteers from the Hospital League of Friends arrived in cowboy costumes.

Michael Banks, on behalf of the League of Friends, said: "Thank you everyone who helped to stage the event and to keep us 'afloat' in the dreadful weather conditions."

"Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event with their purchases and donations, especially the Mayor of Maesteg Cllr Lynne Beadle and consort Cllr Tom Beadle, our MP Mr Chris Elmore, AM Hugh Iwan Davies and Mrs Iwan Davies."

"Special thanks to The Gwyl Maesteg Festival for their very generous sponsorship for the hospital fete."

"One very special mention should be made about the anonymous man who, for the second consecutive year, provided our bucket collection with a cheque for £1,000."

AS

Saturday evening was a sell-out concert in the Town Hall for the 'Country Superstars Experience' and what a huge success it was.

Sarah Jayne/Dolly Parton arrived for the second year, but this time with a bigger show supported by Andy Crust.

The husband and wife team pulled out all the stops with their professional band and stage set, taking the audience through the history of country music.

The show featured 10 superstars including Patsy Cline, Billie Jo Spears, Kenny Rogers, Willie Nelson, John Denver, Glen Campbell, Tammy Wynette, Garth Brooks and Johnny Cash.

Within the first five minutes the audience were up and dancing.

On Sunday morning, around 60 classic cars arrived at Maesteg Celtic in heavy rain for the South Wales Classic Car show. Drivers came from across the UK and Ireland, and funds were raised for the Stroke Association.

Eighteen-year-old Tom Jenkins from Maesteg organised the event with full support from his family and friends.



Images by Scenic Gallery.



News from Mynydd Cynffig WI

TUESDAY, June 12 and Mynydd Cynffig WI were in the Talbot Centre, Kenfig Hill for our monthly meeting.

Minutes were read out by Katherine, meeting chaired by Christine and WI business read out by Enid. Our August trip to St Fagans with tea at the Mansion House was discussed.

Several of the Federation trips and courses were put before the members, they are varied and interesting, and with a great range of topics from the energetic to the less energetic.

Christine told the members of her and Eirwen's day out at the Motorpoint Arena, Cardiff, attending the National Federation of

WI annual meeting.

The speakers were Dame Stella Rimington, former director general of MI5, and Huw Edwards, journalist, presenter and newsreader. The stories they told us had us all in stitches.

Our speaker this month was Mr Allen Underhill, his topic was 'Beside the Seaside'; he gave us an insight into the origins of us all going to the seaside for days out and holidays, he was very informative.

Next month our speaker is Romeo Bassini, his topic 'The Italian Connection' - ice cream all round, we hope! The meeting drew to a close with tea and biscuits.

CHRISTINE CALLAGHAN

Bridgend Quiz League teasers

HERE are this week's teasers from the Bridgend Quiz League:

1. What was the first mass produced car in the world?
2. What would be measured with an anemometer?
3. Where in Britain would you find 'The

House of Keys'?

If anyone is interested in joining the league, visit bridgendquiz.com for details.

SK

Answers:
1. The Ford Model T.
2. Wind speed.
3. The Isle of Man.

Bridgend business nominated for award

TWO Bridgend-based companies that form part of family-owned Jehu Group have each been shortlisted for national awards after impressing judges with their commercial success, innovation and positive impact on the local community.

Property developer Waterstone Homes and parent company Jehu Group have both made the cut for this year's Wales Property Awards, where they will compete against leading property firms from all over the country.

Waterstone Homes has been

nominated in the Housebuilder of The Year category, awarded to the most high-impact builder of homes in Wales in the last year, while Jehu is in the running for the respected title of Construction Company/Builder of the year.

The awards will take into account both companies' business success, construction activity, growth and willingness to innovate.

Shortlisted companies at the Wales Property Awards were selected by an independent judging panel and the winners of each category will be announced at an awards dinner taking place at Cardiff City Hall on Thursday, June 28.

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'Broken promises' as day hospital remains closed

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies has challenged health chiefs to explain why they have broken promises to re-open the day unit at Maesteg Community Hospital.

Mrs Davies contacted the ABMU health board in January to ask why the day hospital was closed. She was told that it had been shut temporarily because of staffing shortages on Llynfi Ward and staff had been diverted. It was stated that it was due to re-open in April after maintenance work to remove asbestos and the installation of wi-fi had been completed.

Mrs Davies has now been informed that the day hospital remains closed and that staff are being told that a public engagement is to be held over its future.

She said: "I am shocked to hear that the day hospital has not re-opened because ABMU chairman Andrew Davies stated in his letter to me on January 29 that the day hospital would definitely re-open. He actually said that he could reassure me and my constituents that this would take place."

"I now understand that the consultant in charge of the day hospital and the nurse practitioner there have been let go, and this is being used as a reason for not re-opening. I have written to Mr Davies to point out that it was staffing problems on Llynfi Ward that caused the unit to close last November – not in the day hospital itself. To now hear that staff who are crucial to the re-opening of the unit

are no longer available is extremely annoying.

"Why were these people not retained by the board? It was known that they would be needed when the day hospital re-opened so what efforts were made to retain them? Is the health board just using this as an excuse to keep the unit closed?"

"I have to say that staff at the hospital were very cynical about what was going on in January and none of them are surprised by this latest turn of events."

"I am angry that I appear to have been misled by Andrew Davies on this matter. He has now responded by saying he will look into this urgently, suggesting he didn't realise it was still closed. This is filling me with confidence, especially as ABMU has also just launched its 'engagement process' on further bed reductions."

"I know that the people of Maesteg value their hospital which was built by the miners and opened during the First World War. There will be a great deal of anger in the community at this news. I would urge everyone to contact ABMU and the Community Health Council to make their feelings known. If a consultant and nurse practitioner have gone, no wonder people think that a back-door decision has been made to close this day hospital."

"The ABMU chair needs to get an urgent grip on what has happened in Maesteg Hospital or he has no hope of anyone taking the board's wider arguments for bed closures seriously."

JI

A full day for the Maesteg Festival

The Caerau Men's Shed made their debut, entertaining senior citizens from Maesteg.



ON June 13, two Maesteg Festival events took place. At 10.30am, 60 children gathered at the council offices to be enthralled by local historian Roy Meredith, who gave an illustrated and visual talk about the history on Maesteg.

The detailed talk featured old maps from 1899 and Roy explained why the first local tramway that took coal to Porthcawl took seven hours to get to Porthcawl but eight hours for the return.

While 60 children sat listening to the history of Maesteg, a second group of walkers enjoyed a 'heritage walk', making their way around

various historical features in Maesteg following a plan and route that Roy prepared.

At 1pm the Maesteg Town Hall played host to approximately 240 senior citizens from different organisations in the town.

They were waited on by the staff of the town hall who were also supported by volunteers in delivering a generous cream tea.

Entertainment was provided by local schools, a ladies choir and the first ever performance by Caerau Men's Shed.

Ysgol Cynwyd Sant performed their emotional dance based on Aberfan, for which they had won first prize in the Eisteddfod, and left members of the audience in tears.



Youngsters learned about the history of Maesteg. Images by Scenic Gallery.

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Cadets Parisi, Snell and Russell, and instructor Senior Cadet Warrant Officer Morris, escorted by civilian instructor Miss Young and Flight Sergeant Peckham RAFAC, assisted with setting up the church in readiness for the fete, then ran a recruitment presence during the fete.

Once the fete was over they returned the church

to normal in readiness for services the next day. The feedback from stall holders was brilliant and Flt Sgt Peckham was assured that before long, the cadets will see Father John Dursley, who is Squadron Padre at the Squadron, giving some insight into his trip to the Holy Land last year.

The following day five cadets and four staff, which included Mr Leadbetter, chairman of the Civilian Welfare Committee from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Sqn and three cadets and one member of staff from 1092 (Bridgend) Sqn

travelled up to RAF Cosford for the annual air show, which was advertised as the UK's first RAF100 Air Show.

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had an excellent day, and with a sun tan from the extreme heat of the day.

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You can contact the Squadron Adjutant by email at adj.2117@aircadets.org to arrange a visit or call us on 01656 670125.

LINDSAY THOMAS

Rail franchise disappoints AM

REGIONAL AM Suzy Davies is disappointed that Welsh Government's new rail franchise fails to include a commitment for a half hourly service on the Maesteg Line on weekdays.

Mrs Davies, who is a Welsh Conservative, raised questions with Network Rail and with Economy and Transport Secretary Ken Skates in April to ask about progress on plans to install a passing loop along the line, so that service frequency can be increased from one train an hour to two.

Suzy said: "The replies I received from both were quite vague on detail but I was told that they are considering providing the loop in old sidings at the former Llynfi Power Station or at Tondur Railway Station. "No definite decisions have

been taken despite the fact that this scheme has been included in Welsh Government's capital programme for transport for some years.

"Now, the fact that there is no commitment by Keolis Amey, the new franchise holders, to provide this improved service at any point over the next 15 years suggests that Welsh Government and Network Rail have sought the longest possible grass into which they can kick this.

"I welcome the news that there are to be Sunday trains along the line, which is great for shoppers or people attending social and cultural events in Cardiff. But with no concrete proposals in the franchise, it looks like Maesteg commuters are left with hourly services indefinitely.

"What we need is a service every half hour so that people can use the train to commute to Cardiff for work. One train an

hour is not good enough as a cancellation leaves people waiting two hours and many will not risk using the train instead of their cars. The only way to get people off the roads and onto the tracks is by providing better and more frequent services.

"Having a train every half hour will also help alleviate the gross overcrowding of peak hour services in and out of Cardiff.

"I will be pressing the Minister on this at the Senedd and also asking what has happened to plans for a new station at Brackla. The car park was put in some time ago but there has been no announcement so far about having a new station there. There are 10,000 people living in Brackla - it's virtually a town in its own right."

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THE British Airways Maintenance Cardiff Road Cycling Club, based in the Vale, undertook a tour of France and Belgium in aid of the Royal British Legion.

Ten members, including men from Barry, Bridgend, the valleys and Cardiff, along with two support drivers, embarked on the tour of a number of war memorials in northern France and Belgium.

Chris Davies said: "In five days we covered 300 miles and raised funds for the British Legion. We decided to embark on the tour to mark the centenary of the end of the war which was on November 11, 1918."

On Day 1, after arriving in France, the men cycled from Calais to Boulogne Sur Mer.

Day 2, they covered the 90 miles to Amiens, visiting the war memorial in Etaples, the biggest British cemetery in France. There are more than 11,000 graves there.

Chris said: "We all paid our respects to the fallen and were shocked by the sheer size of the

LOCAL CYCLE TEAM PAYS TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN

The cycling team included Chris Davies, Jon Green, Mark Broughton, Gareth Leyshon, Marcus Mullens, Mark Tarrant, Wayne Thomas, Alan Geddes, Hesham Ibsule and Tony Hillsdon.



cemetery."

They visited a second cemetery later in the day at Crouy.

Day 3 took them from Amiens to Carving.

Chris said: "We were up very early as we wanted to take in the Mametz Wood memorial and pay our respects to the 600 Welsh soldiers who lost their lives defending and liberating the people of Mametz. The people of Mametz have erected a dragon clasping barbed wire in its claws overlooking the wood."

The men also visited Thiepval memorial and Queens Cemetery.

Chris said: "At Queens Cemetery, a member of our team paid his respects to a relative, said a few words and placed a cross on his grave. It was a very special moment."

Day 4 was Kortrijk to Tyne Cot Cemetery/Menin Gate and back.

Menin Gate bears the name of more than 54,000 soldiers who died before August 16, 1917, and have no known grave.

Day 5 was Kortrijk to Dunkirk, where the men were able to visit the beach where the evacuation of British, French and Belgian troops codenamed Operation Dynamo took place in World War Two in 1940.

Chris said: "A special mention must go to our two support guys, Gary and Jim, who drove from the UK and all over France to support and look after us."

The team managed to raise £2,500 for the Royal British Legion.

Organisations' plans to tackle homelessness are drawn up

CHARITIES, voluntary groups, housing associations and representatives of the Vale Council came together recently to review the approach to tackling homelessness in the Vale.

Improved ways of working will now ensure that help is at hand for anyone threatened with homelessness.

The event was facilitated by Shelter Cymru and representatives from Gwalia, Wales and West Homes, Atal-y-Fro and a number of other organisations working in the Vale participated in workshop sessions.

Cllr Andrew Parker, Cabinet Member for Housing, opened the event and said: "Joint working arrangements are vital if we are to realise our ambition of eliminating homelessness in the Vale. Our housing team are at the forefront of tackling the issue but the reality is that without the support of a wide range of partners we simply could not deliver a modern service."

"In recent years, we have been able to shift our work from crisis management to prevention. This has had a massive impact on hundreds of lives. In line with recent changes in legislation we are creating a modern safety net that will see no one

is turned away without help. As part of this work, the Council is required to undertake a homelessness review and produce a homelessness strategy."

One focus of the event was an analysis of the views of those that have sought assistance from the Council's homelessness team in recent months. These were gathered by an independent survey of service users undertaken by Gwalia.

Mark Lawrence, Homelessness Consultant from Shelter Cymru, said: "The survey results show what a good job is already being done in

the Vale, largely as a result of good working relationships between all the agencies involved.

"Service users are telling us that the Council's team treat them with respect, dignity and offer advice in a simple and non-judgemental fashion."

"Such good customer service in what are often very challenging circumstances is commendable and shows what a solid platform we have to build on."

The Council will publish its new homelessness strategy later this year.



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The national awards are being held in Liverpool on July 12 and everyone working in Newbold Solicitors are pleased that the legal profession is recognising Barry as a place where excellent service and legal expertise can be found.

The firm is only seven years old, but has been finalists or winners in 12 national awards. The Trust Pilot review has 8.9 stars and an independent client survey has put them at 98 per cent client satisfaction level.

For Property Law Firm of the Year and Conveyancing Firm of the Year, it is their third consecutive year as finalists.

Catherine Hartland said: "We are thrilled to be achieving so much in

such a short period of time. The team here are exceptional, and we really are lucky to have them as part of our team. They are very talented, and they really do care about their clients and their files.

"Putting Barry on the map is brilliant, because it proves to everyone that you do not have to be based in a large city centre to provide the very best client care and legal expertise available.

"Being in our branch offices outside the large cities mean that we can keep our overheads low and that is reflected in our fees.

"The law firm is competing against the largest law firms around the UK, some have 900-plus staff working for them - Newbold only have almost 70.

"Some firms have a specialist panel who apply for awards, at Newbold we don't have that, so it makes the nomination that more impressive.

"Newbold Solicitors have a branch office in Barry High Street and can be contacted on 01446 700693 or email housing@newboldsolicitors.com. We would love to work with you and hopefully show you why we have been awarded so many times for our client care."

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RESIDENTS URGED TO SPEAK OUT ON SCHOOL PLANS

RESIDENTS of a village in the Vale have been urged to have their say on proposals on the future of the local primary school.

The Vale Council

have announced plans that would involve the school closing with a replacement opening at a new site in Rhosce.

A second consultation on the proposals is currently running on the plans and is set to close

on July 9.

South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies recently addressed a public meeting in the village, organised by the Save Llancarfan School Action Committee.

An earlier consultation was held earlier in the year and people who had already responded should not be put off getting back in touch, he said.

"Residents raised several concerns about the proposals with me as part of the initial consultation and I welcome the fact they will have another chance to have their say," said Mr Davies.

"These proposals have the potential to go far beyond Llancarfan, with impacts on neighbouring villages too.

"There have been several changes to the proposals following the initial consultation so there are many additional points people may wish to make.

"It's vital we don't miss this opportunity, so if you have any comments, queries or concerns, make sure they are in by July 9."

Broadway Chorus sings for Velindre



Art society exhibition

ON June 18, the council offices were busy when art lovers attended the start of the annual Maesteg Art Society exhibition, part of the Maesteg Festival.

The exhibition is being held upstairs at Maesteg Town Council offices and runs until Friday, June 22. A lift is available for visitors if required.

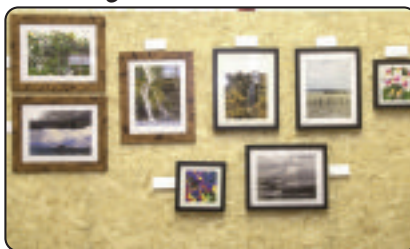


Image by Phil Davies, Scenic Gallery.

ON June 15, the Broadway Chorus presented its Summer Serenade at All Saints' Church in Porthcawl.

An enthusiastic audience enjoyed a wide variety of choral music ranging from show songs to light classical items. 'You Make Me Feel So Young' and 'Lullaby Of Broadway' were two well known popular songs which the audience certainly appreciated.

The choir sang with sensitivity in 'Sunset Poem' and wonderful dynamic power was shown in 'Let The River Run'.

Conducted by Mike Plowman with accompanist Liz York, the concert also included pieces played by Jenny Weir, displaying her

versatility not only on the clarinet and saxophone, but also the flute. She was joined by pianist Sheryl Kennedy who, like Jenny, performed with skill and virtuosity.

The other guest soloist was local student James Evans-Jones, already well known for his appearances on stage with Bridgend Youth Theatre. He sang with impressive maturity and captivated the audience with a wide emotional range during 'Music of the Night' from *Phantom* and 'Bring Him Home' from *Les Miserables*.

As well as a feast of musical delights, there were drinks and summer scones during the interval, all of which helped the Summer Serenade raise £2,000 for Velindre Cancer Centre.

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Fair weather hoped for

THE Porthcawl weather had been very kind to the Porthcawl Lions car boot at Porthcawl Rugby ground this year until last Sunday.

The rain arrived and the car boot had to close. We have the responsibility for ensuring that rugby can continue to be played at South Road when the rugby season starts and therefore the playing surface must be respected; hence the termination of last Sunday's car boot.

This Sunday, all being well in weather terms, the car boot will once again run from 8am to 1pm and a pitch remains at £6. See you there.

We are often asked where does the money go that is collected during the year?

Well, the answer is... most of it goes locally.

In our financial year 2017/2018 the figures work at as follows: local donations 57, three international donations and two national donations.

We also have regular financial obligations to local organisations including a foodbank and a youth group.

We do our utmost to respond to the many requests we receive for financial assistance, as can be seen.

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Porthcawl Lions meet

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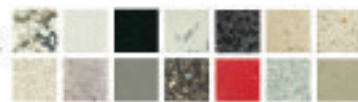
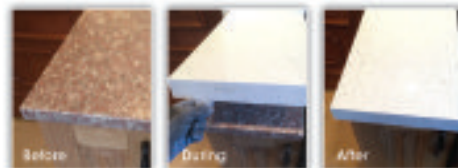
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Peter set to undertake Challenge 3000 for NICU



Peter Thomas with his daughter Evie.

PETER THOMAS is raising money for NICU Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Singleton Hospital Swansea to help pay for equipment and facilities. Here is his story:

"My name is Peter Thomas and I have a daughter Evie, who is now four. When Evie was born, my wife and I were delighted. However, things didn't go to plan that afternoon.

"Evie struggled to take oxygen and was whisked away from us at Bridgend Hospital to Singleton's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit via emergency ambulance.

"After two weeks of intensive care by the nurses and doctors, many sleepless nights and worry, Evie made

a miraculous recovery and we were able to take her home for the first time. After all the fears and concerns, we now have an amazing, beautiful little girl.

"As a parent, I can not express the love and gratitude I have for all those who were involved in caring for our little girl and if it wasn't for them she may not be here.

"On June 22-23, along with some colleagues, I will be undertaking the Challenge 3000 in Snowdonia. This involves climbing up and down all the mountains over 300ft in one day, which is 25 miles in total. It is a huge challenge and many have failed.

"However, with the image of my little Evie imprinted in my mind, I will give it my all!"

From Dinas Powys to the Albert Hall

"I JOINED three years ago, and haven't looked back since."

These are the comments of second tenor Mike Bryan from Dinas Powys, a retired specialist in the jewellery trade, who responded three years ago to an invitation to attend a practice session of the Cardiff section of Cór Meibion De Cymru, the South Wales Male Choir, at Fairwater Conservative Club. Once there, he found himself hooked.

With the other members, he met with the full 75-strong choir at Sunday afternoon rehearsals in Cwmavon.

Regular concert performances have followed, crowned by his taking part in the festival organised by the Welsh Association of Male Choirs in London's

Royal Albert Hall in May. This was a massed choir with more than 800 participants drawn from 28 different choirs.

Next is a concert tour of Belgium and Germany in August. Nearer home, the choir will be performing concerts on the Isle of Wight in the summer of next year.

CMDC has always prided itself upon being a friendly choir, constantly on the lookout for new members. Latest arrival is top tenor 14-year-old William Thomas, whose father Geoff sings with the baritones.

The Cardiff group is embarking on a further recruitment evening at Fairwater Conservative Club on Tuesday, July 17.

Led by new conductor Carlijn Metsalaar

and accompanied at the piano by Cheuky Chan, the singing will begin at 7.15pm.

The choir has a proud record of raising funds for charities. It does not matter if you have not sung with a choir before and ability to read music is not necessary.

New recruits are assigned a mentor to assist them through early rehearsals and computer-based aids are available for home learning. We enjoy singing old songs, new songs and new arrangements of old songs.

Like Mike Bryan, you could find yourself a member of a small welcoming group in Fairwater and then going on a tour of Europe and a performance in the Albert Hall.

For further information, contact choir secretary John Rees Davies on 01446 746387, john.davies47@ntlworld.com or Cardiff group chairman Don Surridge on 01446 735437, don.surridge@ntlworld.com, or just turn up on the night.

BARRI HURFORD

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MINI VOLUNTEERING EVENT IN LLANTWIT

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) regularly hosts a series of mini volunteering events in locations across the Vale.

The next Mini Volunteering Event will be held on Thursday, June 28 from 2pm-5pm in Llantwit Major Llantian Hall.

Come along to the events to embark on a new adventure as a volunteer and open up a world of opportunities. You will be able to chat directly with local volunteering providers and find the right opportunity for you.

Volunteering is a good way to get

to know your community better, meet new people, and gain new experiences. You'll also boost your chances of finding paid work.

GVS Development Officer, Dave Edwards, will be available to discuss your funding requirements. As well as finding out more about local volunteering opportunities, you can also find out more about how to improve your funding position.

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TWO NEW SPEED WATCH SCHEMES ARE LAUNCHED



NEW technology is being used for the first time by two Community Speed Watch schemes in the Vale to help put the brakes on speeding motorists.

The two new schemes were launched in the villages of Llantrithyd and Peterstone-Super-Ely.

Llantrithyd residents were the first to use a new device – the pocket radar – which is the size of a mobile phone to detect and record the speeds of passing motorists.

Five residents joined PCSO Alex Mackay and PCSO Rhianon Cummings for the launch of the scheme on June 6 while the scheme was launched in Peterstone-Super-Ely on June 7.

Speed Watch is an initiative across the UK which empowers local communities to play an active part in tackling the problem of speeding in their neighbourhoods.

Any details of speeding motorists will be passed to an officer who then forwards the details to Go Safe. Go Safe, the

Wales Road Casualty Reduction Partnership, will then carry out all checks and issue warning letters to owners.

Offending vehicles and drivers details will be kept on record, and if there is a repeat offence they may be liable to further action being taken.

PCSO Alex Mackay, who co-ordinates the Llantrithyd scheme, said: "The road through Llantrithyd has a 30mph speed limit and has a rat run between the Vale and the A48 at Bonvilston in the mornings and afternoons. There have been a number of minor road traffic collisions in the area, most of which are collisions resulting in car door mirrors being broken or minor damage to the body of the car."

"Speeding is regularly raised as a concern by residents and this is a great initiative which enables them to take some positive action within their own communities."

"We have nine volunteers signed up so far which is fantastic to see and I would encourage anyone interested in joining to get in touch."

"We are the first area within the South Wales Police-Go Safe partnership to use the new pocket radars which is a big step forward. This new device is much easier to use and replaces the old heavy and cumbersome equipment."

PCSO Dan Rees, who co-ordinates the Peterstone-Super-Ely scheme, said: "The scheme has been set up at two locations to try and combat persistent offenders who exceed the 30mph speed limit."

"The response that we have received in the short time has been great, I have five willing volunteers who are on board and more names coming through to me every day."

Neighbourhood Police Sergeant Mark Allen said: "Our aim is to spread the message that the community in the Vale simply won't stand for speeding motorists and hopefully, together, we can bring the average speed of cars on our roads down."

Anyone interested in joining the Community Speed Watch scheme as a volunteer should contact their local PCSO for more details.

Carys Thomas

This Ocean is good – but it's not gr-eight

REMAKES are always a tricky proposition, but one film that got it right (mainly by pretty much ignoring what had gone before) was Steven Soderbergh's *Ocean's 11*.

With a cooler-than-a-freezer cast (George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon et al) it was a suave and smooth delight, yet woefully low on female representation, so something *Ocean's 8* aims to rectify.

Sandra Bullock plays Debbie Ocean, sister of Clooney's Danny, who gets her own crew together (comprising of Cate Blanchett's Lou, Sarah Paulson's Tammy and Mindy Kaling's Amita among others) when she wants to pull off a heist at the Met Gala, targeting Ann Hathaway's Hollywood star Daphne Kluger and a diamond necklace worth \$150 million – but will Debbie and her crew get what they want?

If there's a small pocket of people out there who think that making an *Ocean's* film with a cast made up primarily of women is heresy, then they're pretty small-minded.

After all, while Steven Soderbergh's *Ocean's 11* was a fun and stylish romp (based on the 1960 Frank Sinatra film), the sequels were undercut by self-indulgence, so it's not as if the filmmakers here are stepping on hallowed ground.

In fact, to see a film like this given the cultural upheaval we've experienced over the last 18 months is quite refreshing, and while the film is a wonderful showcase for the cast,

you just wish there was something more substantial for them to get their teeth into.

I understand not all films need to carry depth or deal with life's ills, and that frothy, sit-back-and-let-it-wash-over-you entertainment has its place, but this is a film whose plot is paper thin and translucent, where the twists and turns are either telegraphed (yet again, a huge thanks to the marketing department for that one) or, when revealed, met with a shrug.

There's just not enough here to really get stuck into, the film motoring along in a low gear (albeit travelling at a satisfying pace) but it never stops to take stock, nor does it find that higher gear to really get going.

Gary Ross is a capable, rather than accomplished, director, and with the ghost of Soderbergh dangling over him he sometimes attempts to ape his style, while other times using zooms and editing to give the film its pace.

The heist itself is staged well, riffing on misdirection and the carefully-orchestrated plan Debbie has spent her entire incarceration planning, but it doesn't come with any moments of suspense or drama – it all plays out too easily.

That's the film's main drawback – the absence of stakes, the lack of real drama: there are fleeting moments where we get some nuggets of meat, but mainly this is a film which happily coasts along with relative ease.

What is most enjoyable are the performances – Sandra Bullock is always watchable and, with a roguish glint, she makes for a solid lead, while Cate Blanchett is good but wasted by the story that puts her in the role



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of facilitator without having too much to do.

Anne Hathaway's vapid starlet is a joy, Hathaway obviously playing the role with the knowing wink of someone who has been close to that sort of person, while Sarah Paulson, Mindy Kaling, Rihanna, Helena Bonham Carter and Awkwafina all shine in their own moments.

There are also turns from Richard Armitage and James Corden, the former a beau of Debbie who is integral to her plan and the latter an insurance investigator who turns up post-heist. Neither turn sticks,

though Corden does get a few good lines that you wish had been shared out among the main cast.

There are some callbacks to the previous films, most of which are fun but one climactic moment, to these eyes, undercuts the film's message that this is about women taking control and doing it their way – a plot point that Ross and Olivia Milch's script could have found a better way of solving.

It all adds up to a film that is satisfying and fun – yet you can't help but feel that this cast, and their star wattage, deserved a better showcase for their talents than a film that just coasts along – maybe that will wear its head with *Ocean's 9*?

VERDICT: Glossy and fun, *Ocean's 8* disappoints in its handling of a starry cast being given little to do.

It's a nice slice of entertainment, undemanding and humorous, but let down by a plot lacks edge and flow. It moves at a pace, but everything is too easy and you wish for even just a dash of substance. *Average.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Ocean's 11* (2001), *Ghostbusters* (2016).

Herbert The Dragon

BOOK REVIEW

HERBERT the Dragon is a story book about a large purple dragon who decides he wants to visit the waterfall at the world's end.

He meets a knight called Archie and together they have many adventures. The book has been written as either a bedtime story for younger children or a book for those children a bit older, who can read

by themselves. This is the first in a series of Herbert and Archie's adventures and the colourful pictures have been drawn by the author's brother Chris Dunn.

The author is Lesley Mager and she can be contacted by e-mailing lesleymager@yahoo.co.uk; or go to: www.amazon.co.uk/lesleymager/le/B07D7YTPZG/ref=dp_byline_cont_ebooks 1.

BRIAN LEE

Photo competition to unearth the hole story

A PHOTOGRAPHY competition on the subject of Welsh roads has been launched by a National Assembly committee.

The Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee is asking people to send images as part of its inquiry into the state of roads in Wales.

The shortlisted entries will be part of an exhibition at the National Assembly for Wales and the winning image will also feature on the cover of the Committee's report.

"There are some beautiful roads in Wales, busy roads and pretty awful roads too," said Russell George AM, Chair of the Economy,

Infrastructure and Skills Committee.

"We're looking for entries which sum up people's views and opinions of the Welsh road network."

"So whether it's pictures of potholes, vistas of valley passes or snapshots of urban streets, we want to consider them as part of our inquiry as we compose a detailed image of what state Welsh highways and byways are in."

More information about the inquiry and the photo competition can be found on the Committee's web pages.

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Out & About with The GEM

WHAT'S ON, AND WHERE IN YOUR AREA?

Afternoon tea
ST DONAT'S Church will hold an afternoon tea on the lawn at the Old Vicarage, Llantwit Major on Sunday, June 24, to raise funds for an urgent repair to the church tower.

Tickets for cream teas (£5 adults, £3 children) are available from Nickleby's and church members.

There will be music by the Ukulele Band and stalls will include homemade produce, tombola and other attractions. If the weather is wet, the event will be held in St Illtud's West Church.

Barry community choir
BARRY Community choir is celebrating 50 years of singing together, and is holding a celebratory concert on Sunday, June 24 at 6pm at Crossway Methodist church, Barry.

Tickets are £6

including refreshments, with free entry for children.

Tax advice
DO you worry about your tax affairs, but are nervous about approaching the Inland Revenue?

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale run a free advice session on the last Monday in the month. The next session is on June 25 and will be held at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry, 9.30am to 11.30am. No appointment is needed, just come along and chat to the retired tax professional. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

Neighbourhood Watch

THE next Penryn Neighbourhood Watch meeting is on Tuesday, June 26 at 11am at The Barley Mow in Craig Penryn.

All residents will be welcome.

Equity release advice

IF you own your own home and are interested in equity release, Age Connects are holding an advice session at their Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry on Tuesday, June 26 from 10am to 12pm.

No appointment is needed, come along and talk to an adviser. Call 01446 732385 for further information.

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information
IF you are registered blind or partially sighted, maybe a carer looking after a loved one who is; Royal

Institute Of Blind Cardiff and Vale works to help blind and partially sighted people across Wales to enjoy independent and fulfilling lives.

Age Connects Cardiff and Vale are holding a drop-in information session on Tuesday, June 26 at the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry from 10am to 12pm. You can chat to a someone from the Society on practical support, support groups etc. No appointment is needed; call 01446 732385 for further information.

Llantwit Major Horticulture Society

THE next meeting of the Society will be held on Wednesday, June 27 at 7.30pm in Llantwit Major Hall (hopefully with nice new windows) and the speaker will be Shena Sarjeant, who will be giving us all tips on how to 'Bake to Win' for when we enter items for our annual show on Saturday, August 18.

Crimewriters panel

JOIN Griffin Books on Thursday, June 28 at Waterloo Tea, Penarth, for a debut crimewriters panel discussion.

Sarah Hilary, author of the successful Marnie Rome series, will be chairing a panel with two of the hottest new crime novelists, Karen Hamilton and Phoebe Locke, whose respective books *The Perfect Girlfriend* and *The Tall Man* have recently been published.

Tickets (£10), include refreshment and a discount on book purchases. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

To book, visit ticketsource.co.uk/griffinbooks or call 02920 706455.

Family Fun Day
A FAMILY fun day takes place on Sunday, July 1 at 2pm on Little Hill green, Brock Street, Barry (CF63 1LB) with a best cake competition, bouncy castle, owls, refreshments and games. Proceeds to Cadotxon

Conservation Group. Harriers reunion

BARRY and Vale Harriers are having a reunion on Sunday, July 8 from 7.30pm at the Tynwydd Inn. All current and past members are invited.

KPC Youth and Community AGM
KPC will hold their annual general meeting at their centre on Wednesday, July 4 at 6pm.

All welcome to attend to find out more

about the work undertaken during the last year, and future plans. Light refreshments will also be served. Contact the centre on 01656 749219 or email: kpcyouth@hotmail.com

Improve your strength and balance

ARE you looking after a loved one who has problems with mobility - maybe you are looking for ways to improve your own strength and balance due to a medical condition?

Strength and balance classes are designed to improve your mobility and confidence. Classes are held at Llantwit Major on Tuesday from 2pm to 3pm; at St Athan's The Gathering Place Community Centre on Thursday from 10.30am to 11.30am; and at Margaret Alexander Hall, Alexander Place, Barry on Monday from 2pm to 3pm.

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There are floral, fruit and vegetable, culinary and children's classes in the show.

Admission is £1 (children free) and more information can be obtained from the Hon Secretary, Huw Potter (01446 760672). The closing date for entries is Wednesday, June 27.

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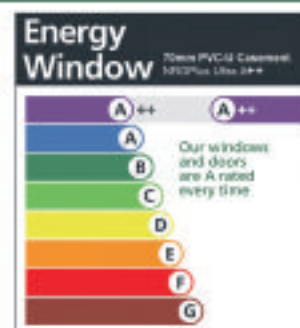
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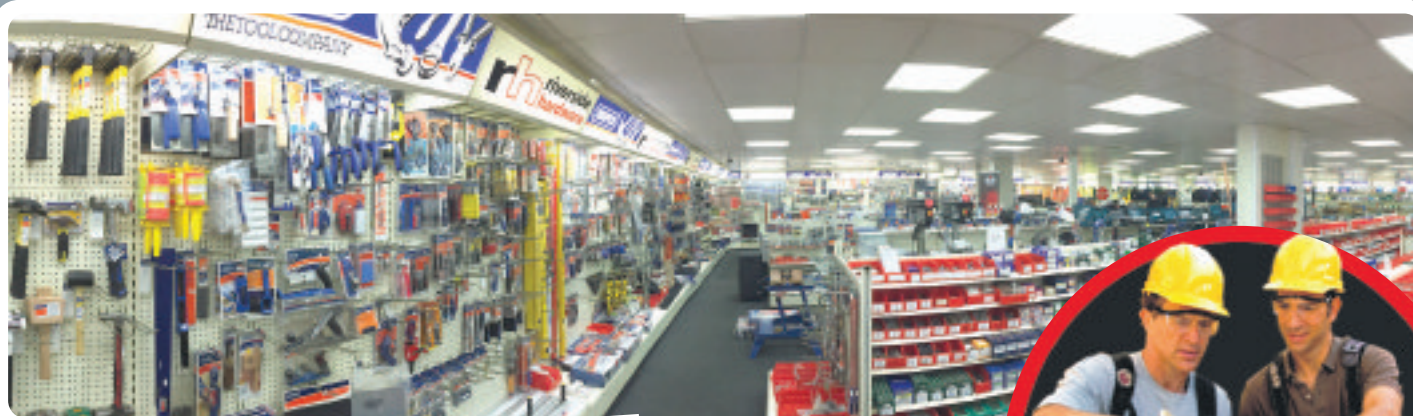


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Starting at Snowdon, they started their climb to the top of the 1,085m mountain top.

When reaching the top, the crews could celebrate with a cheeky shot of Sambuca supplied by Nic Case.

When batteries had been recharged, they were able to commence their route down taking in the beautiful scenery along the miner's track. Fortunately for them, the sun was shining and the skies were blue. The conditions could not have been any better.

Their next stop was the 893m climb of Cadir Idris with its steep ascent to the top.

Once at the top celebrations could begin. Andy Shaw and Andy Gordon then took the challenge to another

level and ran to the bottom, completing the descent in an astonishing 26 minutes.

Finally to Pen Y Fan, a mere 886m high. With beautiful blue skies and a more relaxed hike, the group made it to the top for their photo finish. Mission accomplished!

The challenge was in aid of Prostate Cancer and the group have made an incredible amount of money to donate to such a worthy charity.

Team organiser Lisa Sims commented on the outstanding efforts of the whole team: "This challenge was a real testament to the determination and fitness of the crew. The teamwork and support was immense and for such a great charity it was such a worthwhile event."

"A big thank you to CJ Travel in Barry who very kindly supplied the bus to enable us to take part. Bring on the next challenge!"

Can you give Finley a home?



Finley with Robyn.

FINLEY is a sweet 14-year-old Jack Russell terrier but do not be put off by his age, as he has lots of love to give.

He is fit for his age and still enjoys regular walks. Once he's had a stroll, he's happy to curl up and sleep.

Finley would ideally prefer a quieter, retired set up; however, he could live with children aged 11 years old and above.

He will need a few visits to get to know new owners, as he can be worried at first. He is a lovely chap who would make a great companion dog.

If you would like to know more about Finley, then contact Dogs Trust Bridgend on 01656 725219; or pop down to the centre at Court Colman CF31 4NG.

You can also visit the website at www.dogstrust.org.uk.

ROGUE DOG WALKERS COULD FACE £100 FINES

DOG walkers could be given spot fines of £100 in the Vale if they fail to pick up mess left by their pets.

The Vale Council is considering three-year public spaces protection orders (PSPOs) in specified areas to require dog owners to clean up after their pets and keep them on a lead.

Dogs could also be banned from some areas, including Barry Island beach, from May 1 to September 30.

The PSPOs are proposed in areas across the Vale, including many public spaces in Barry and Penarth.

If the plans are adopted officers could issue rogue dog walkers with fixed penalty notices of £100 which could increase to £1,000 if not paid.

A statement on the council's website explains: "Despite several educational interventions, such as the 'Dogs are Clever' campaign, there continue to be issues across the Vale with some irresponsible dog owners, specifically where dog faeces is not being removed."

"We know that the majority of dog owners are responsible, however there is still a minority of

people who do not take full responsibility for their animals and ignore the council's byelaws. Dog faeces that is not removed poses a health risk known as toxocaraisis.

"In order to tackle this issue, the council has the power to serve a public spaces protection order (PSPO) under the Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. The purpose of a PSPO is to restrict persistent anti-social behaviour in public spaces. This would replace the byelaws and restrictions that are currently in place."

"The PSPO can last for three years and, if breached, an authorised officer could issue a fixed penalty notice up to £100, which if not paid could be increased to £1,000."

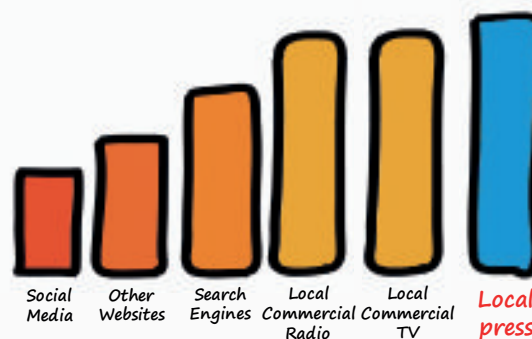
The proposed PSPOs would not apply to people who are partially sighted or registered blind or with sight or hearing impairments. They also wouldn't apply to people with disabilities which affect their mobility or would make removing the dog mess unreasonable, the council says.

Working dogs for emergency search and rescue, law enforcement, armed forces and dogs used for directing animals would also be exempt.



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Three quarters of people (74%) trust the information they read in their local paper in print or online. Only 22% trust local news they read on social media platforms.



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The Cardiff Academy open free scholarship fund for A-level students

CARDIFF'S oldest private sixth form academy is celebrating 20 years of high-quality education in spectacular style by announcing a

quarter-of-a-million-pound scholarship fund for prospective A-level students from all walks of life.

The revered academy has recently been bought by local businessman Sajid Ghaffar, chairman

of the Draycott Group, and the school's management has proudly announced growth plans to continue the school's successes following this investment.

In celebration of 20 years of high-quality sixth form education, the Academy is offering a

£250,000 scholarship for 10 prospective A-level students.

These scholarship places will be available to bright and talented students starting sixth form in September 2018, where they will benefit from intimate class sizes, high-quality facilities and personal tuition and guidance to help further their future university goals.

Entrepreneur Ghaffar, whose business and property interests run the length of the UK and overseas, is passionate about education and its benefits.

"I'm aware of how fortunate I've been to be well-educated, both practically and morally," said Mr Ghaffar, who graduated from Cardiff University with a degree in Law.

"The very best of opportunities open to children when learning in a positive and dedicated environment, and I can't wait to greet the new class of 2018."

The requirement for a scholarship consideration is a minimum of six GCSE subjects at grade A or above (predicted or achieved), plus a requirement of grade A or above in subjects to be studied at A-level.

Applications are now open for the fully funded scholarships, and students and their families may register their interest through the Academy's application portal (cardiffacademy.org/scholarship).

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Regeneration plans are announced

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• A "softening" of The Portway, the main approach road into the town, with visual improvements and the prospect of on-street parking and key crossing places.

• A foodstore of around 20,000ft-25,000ft on the northern end of Salt Lake car park.

• A budget hotel which might go on the southern end of Hillsboro Place car park. The council hopes it will involve the renovation of the Harlequin building, the only remaining part of the town's former railway station. There might also be a boutique hotel but the council expects this will only happen if there is some link with the golf course and the possibility of events being hosted.

• Housing which would include a variety of types. It could include a four- or five-storey development along the eastern Promenade.

• Before this happens, new coastal defences need to be built along the Eastern Promenade, and BCBC expects to get financial aid from the Welsh Government for this.

• Hillsboro Place will remain as a car park but will be upgraded.

• Leisure is expected to come after all the other developments. It could involve a temporary licence being offered while a long-term leisure strategy is worked out. Mr Parry-Jones said the development would be kickstarted by a supermarket signing up first which, if plans fall into place, could see work starting on it by the end of next year.

He said: "Once that's in place we would then go back to cabinet and council to seek commitment to fund the upgrade of Hillsboro Place car park."

"Work could also start on that by the end of next year."

It is hoped the coastal protection will be carried out in 2020-21 with the housing development to follow in 2021-23.

Cllr Charles Smith said: "The Sandy Bay development will start up in due course with an appropriate timetable but for the time being we are focusing on Salt Lake, in phases. There will be consultations."

Regional AM Suzy Davies welcomed the news that the much-delayed Porthcawl regeneration programme is back on-track.

She said: "It would appear that the council's decision to buy out the private leaseholders of this land has paid off as it has now opened up the site for development after years of delay."

"I am glad that the council has realised that its original plan to build a supermarket on Hillsboro Place and move the car park to Salt Lake was flawed and I am sure traders in John Street are pleased the car park that serves their businesses is to remain."

"I am very glad that it is going to be upgraded. Uncertainty over its future meant that essential repairs to potholes and surfacing were never done and it has deteriorated into an appalling condition which is a terrible advertisement for Porthcawl."

"As Shadow Minister for Heritage, I am delighted that the Harlequin building is to remain. A battle was fought with the council over its future as initially they wanted to demolish this but I am pleased it is to be enhanced and will have a new role. This is the last remnant of the old Porthcawl railway station so it is part of the town's heritage."

"Also, as a former shadow tourism minister, I am pleased that the council is looking to improve Porthcawl's status as a resort. The prospect of a new hotel is promising but is also a prompt to existing hoteliers to examine their offer and look at this as an opportunity to provide a greater variety of accommodation. The better the mix, the more likely people are to spend their holidays in Porthcawl so there's a knock-on effect for all businesses."

Mrs Davies added: "The one remaining fly in the ointment is likely to be the housing going on Salt Lake. The strategy needs to be very clear about what it hopes the housing will achieve in terms of meeting local need. That means looking forward and not just at the present and seeing how residents' needs will change and how different generations live together."

"I agree it can't be a load of holiday rentals but neither can it be a squash-em-in and build-em-cheap estate which raises a lot of money in the first instance but has no soul and no beating heart."



Alison Woolcock with her award – also pictured congratulating her are Oliver Lewis of Bridgend Ford and Carl and Rachel from Nation Radio's 'Big Welsh Wake Up' show. Image by Cath Wiggins.

'Fundraiser of The Year' award goes to Barry's Alison

A BARRY woman has won the 'Fundraiser of the Year Award' for her campaign to highlight the early detection of ovarian cancer.

Alison Woolcock organised the #walkinhername event in memory of her sister Lesley and it took place on Mother's Day this year.

Alison received her award during a 'Pride in Wales' evening at the Vale Resort on June 14.

The awards are run by Nation Radio and the citation for Fundraiser of the Year reads: "This award pays tribute to somebody in Wales aged 18 or over who helps raise funds for one or more of the amazing charities we have in the country. The award does not necessarily go to the person who has raised the most money, but rather to someone who really gives their time,

heart and soul to charitable endeavours."

Alison was thrilled to be recognised and told The GEM: "One of my niece's friends, Nicola Saunders, nominated me for the #walkinhername event a couple of weeks ago."

"Our aim has been to raise awareness of ovarian cancer and the importance of recognising the early signs of it."

"The awards evening was a really positive event and it was great to hear about all the people who have a commitment to their communities and listen to other people's stories."

At the Mother's Day event in March more than 300 people remembered relatives

and walked from Barry Cemetery to the Island and back.

Over £3,300 was raised for Ovarian Cancer Action.

The campaign was so successful Alison has decided it will become an annual event.

She added: "We are hoping to do the walk again next year and, on that occasion, we plan to plant flowers in memory of those we walk in memory of."

"We are also looking to take part in a 'Women in Wales' event later this year which is being held at Cardiff City stadium to continue to highlight the need for early detection of ovarian cancer and to continue Lesley's fight against this awful disease."

Men to climb five peaks in 55 hours for charity



Angelo Pucello (left) and Dan Pucello (right) are ready to tackle the challenge.

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Mr Pucello said: "We know that Luca will be with us in spirit, cheering us on every step of the way."

"This is an opportunity to say thanks to Tŷ Hafan for all the years of support and to raise further awareness for the charity to continue its tremendous work."

Mr Morgan and his brother Laurence will be climbing in memory of Lee's son Ezra, who died at Tŷ Hafan in March 2015, aged 10 weeks.

"Before Ezra passed away, we had the most fabulous and magical family day anyone in our circumstances could dream of, all thanks to Tŷ Hafan," said Lee.

To find out more about the #5in55 Challenge and the work of Tŷ Hafan, visit www.tyhafan.org.

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Porthcawl Townswomen's Guild news

AT our last meeting there was a different look to the top table as our chairman and vice-chairman were in Brighton at the National AGM.

Our president, Sandra Phillips, chaired the meeting and welcomed two visitors, hoping they would enjoy the meeting and come back next month – which I am sure they will as we had a good speaker in Mr John Hughes Thomas telling us about Adelina Patti.

Of course I had heard of her but didn't know what a world-famous singer she had been or how much money she had made and put into developing her home of Craig-Y-Nos.

We heard a very crackly record of her singing 'Home Sweet Home', a great favourite in her day. She came to this part of Wales because a local MP was a

big admirer.

Our monthly lunch in May was at The Jolly Sailor in Newton, a popular venue and this month we are going to the Farmers Arms at St Brides Major.

Also this month we have an outing to the National Wool Museum at Llandysul.

Tickets were on sale for our afternoon tea on August 15. An invitation has been received from Madeleine Moon for an EqualTea celebrating some women getting the vote 100 years ago.

Ceri Joseph from the museum is also celebrating that with a walk and a float in the carnival, with which our members will be involved.

Our next meeting is on July 11 at 2pm at All Saints' church hall when Pam Evans' subject will be 'Peace Mala'. Do come and try our friendly group.

DOROTHY THOMAS

Porthcawl Stroke Club hear about tea



Mrs Pat Richards.

A VERY interesting and informative talk was given by Mrs Pat Richards on the history of tea.

Pat displayed many items used over the years, illustrating how even today tea remains a very important item in Britain's global trade, contributing in part to Britain's global dominance by the end of the 18th century.

To this day tea is seen worldwide as a symbol of Britishness; although tea became popular in Britain during the

17th century, it originated in southwest Lebanon during the Shang dynasty as a medicinal drink; it has been a global phenomenon.

The history of tea is long and complex, spreading across multiple cultures over the span of thousands of years and there are many different flavours out today.

It is still as popular as ever, with many afternoon tea places offering their services.

BARBARA MATTHEWS (MRS)

A royal visit to Sony

HIS Royal Highness The Duke of Kent made a recent visit to the Sony UK Technology Centre in Pencoed.

The Duke visited the facility to find out more about the site's manufacturing operations and its work supporting digital literacy for schoolchildren.

The visit comes almost 30 years after he first visited the site in Bridgend in 1990.

The Duke was welcomed by managing director of the factory, Steve Dalton.

The Duke was then given a tour of the 26,000 sq m facility and spoke with engineers and manufacturing professionals who produce the brand's high definition and 4K broadcast cameras.

The team working on the Raspberry Pi, a credit-card sized computer which is manufactured in Pencoed, also spoke



with The Duke and demonstrated how the computer is created and tested on site.

Mr Dalton said: "We were delighted to welcome The Duke of Kent to our Pencoed facility for the first time. It was a privilege to show him how the factory has progressed and grown since his last visit in 1990 and give him an in-depth insight into how our products are created."

"We were very proud to be able to demonstrate to His Royal Highness how far we've come since he last visited us."

"His visit was the perfect way to mark our

25th anniversary year in Pencoed and we look forward to welcoming him again in the future."

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New £165,000 classroom?

A PROPOSAL to fund a new £165,000 classroom at a primary school in Maesteg will go before Bridgend County Borough Council.

The classroom, at Cwmfelin Primary School, will provide an additional 20 places and help ease overcrowding in existing teaching areas.

In a report going before councillors on Tuesday June 19, officers say the insufficient size of classroom spaces at the school is putting pressure on teaching and learning opportunities.

The plans involve building on an area of land close to the nursery building on the school site.

An earmarked reserve budget of £150,000 has been established for the scheme with the estimated shortfall of £15,000 being funded on a 50:50 shared basis between the school and the Education and Family Support Directorate.

The proposal was due to go before cabinet members early this week before going to full council.

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Park Crescent

For a popular personal shopping experience



Park yourself at the Crescent for a great day's shopping!

PARK CRESCENT is a key thoroughfare in Barry during the summer, a popular route down to the relaxing Knapp gardens, the attractions of the Island, and the open spaces of picturesque Romilly Park where the annual Scout Fete will be held on Saturday, July 7.

My Favourite Pet Shop could become yours!

MY Favourite Pet Shop is a very popular pet shop and dog boutique with people visiting from across south Wales.

Alison has been at 120 Park Crescent for nine years and she clearly loves animals, as she runs three businesses there.

"When I opened My Favourite Pet Shop, I wanted to offer people something very different from the traditional pet shop," said Alison.

"We sell products for all pets and wild birds but 80 per cent of the shop is dedicated to dogs."

The shop offers a range of healthy Natural products for pets including Just Natural, Nutriment and Natures Menu Raw Food, Tribal Cold Pressed Food, Eden complete and a range of other dog food. They also offer a delivery service.

"I love shopping for interesting things," says Alison, and this is reflected in the range of products available for pooches.

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and boots for dogs to beautiful collars, leads and harnesses.

Next door is the popular dog grooming salon, Sleek & Chic. "We renovated the salon this year and it is now light and airy. We had bespoke dog pens built in the window area so that dogs are not caged but can look out of the window for their owner."

With a staff of experienced dog groomers, Sleek & Chic offers a grooming service to suit all dogs.

"We now offer a full spa treatment too for dogs, including blueberry facials,

pawdicures, mud baths for itchy skin and painted stencil work.

"We have also introduced a teeth cleaning service using a non invasive procedure called Emmipet ultrasonic treatment."

Finally, a satellite office for Care 4 Pets sits within MFPS. Now trading for 17 years, Care 4 Pets offers services of home boarding, dog walking, home sitting and visiting with experienced, insured and licensed staff.

Pop into My Favourite Pet Shop and it could become your Favourite Pet Shop.

Park Crescent is full of vitality, life and busy businesses as it meanders its way down from Pontypridd Road/Jenner Road and St Nicholas Road, past Romilly Primary School, half a dozen or so side streets, and to the historic All Saints Church.

But enough of the travelogue - time to get down to business.

And there are so many here. Some new, such as Gee Whizz Haus of Hair (more on that new enterprise on the page opposite).

Hair and beauty and grooming, be it for ladies, gentlemen, or our four-legged friends, is big business along Park Crescent.

These make up the ever-growing family of individual, innovative, and exciting small business there, many of which are long-established family

businesses providing top services for local people and visitors to the town.

People love the buzz and friendliness of the area, and with good reason.

Park Crescent is more than the sum of its parts, and certainly more than merely a route to other places.

It is a destination in its own right, and with parking on side streets and quite a few spaces on the crescent itself of up to two hours, there is time to conduct one's business, have your hair done, get the dog (or the chap in your life) groomed, and still have time for a slap-up meal of fish and chips.

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Samantha's client base for bridal alterations comes from Tulip Bridal on St Nicholas Road and Yasmin Rose Bridal in Wenvoe.

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One business that has built up a loyal clientele over a 16-year period is Cutting It by Sue, based at 116b Park Crescent.

The salon caters for ladies, men and children. People can either walk in, or phone up and book

a specific appointment. And don't just take The GEM's word for it.

A wonderful comment the salon's Facebook page reads: "Love going here. They make you feel so welcome. And I'm happy each time I have my hair done. I will definitely keep coming here."

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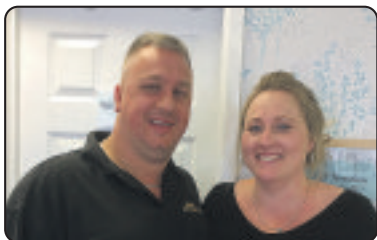
Park Crescent

For a popular personal shopping experience



Irene's Supper Bar.

Specialist businesses make your life easier



Matthew and Aleida Cullen – Matthew owns Barry Security Centre on Park Crescent and his wife Aleida owns Chic Creations, which offers a range of beauty treatments, also on Park Crescent.

SPECIALIST businesses are at the heart of Park Crescent. They provide more in-depth products and services than supermarkets could ever wish to.

A case in point is Barry Security Centre run by Matthew Cullen.

Locked out of your house? Need a new lock? Or maybe an alarm? Then Matthew is your man.

He explained: "The business was started in Barry in 1976 by Doug Hucker. My dad took it over in 1991, and I

joined in 2000.

"We've been located on Park Crescent for nine years now. We do key-cutting, lock-outs, lock changes on PVC doors and wooden doors, and can install locks on doors where the locks are obsolete."

The business can fit alarm systems, both commercial and domestic. It also supplies a range of domestic safes.

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The shop is a dazzling array of colour and scents all year round, of course, but we just can't help thinking that it comes into its own when there is warmth in the air and a gentle zephyr on which to carry the aroma of fresh flowers.

What is the secret of its 27-year success?

Ann said: "We provide quality arrangements and will do same day delivery that can sometimes be ready within an hour."

Ann was also keen to point out that the florist's is continuing to trade despite the property being on the market.

"The shop is open six days a week, from Monday to Friday. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday we trade from 8.30am to 5.30pm, and on Wednesday and Saturday from 8.30am until 4pm."

And, as ever, booking early for that special day is always advised.

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TWO chippies from which to choose?

Developing a very determined brand loyalty and patronise only one or the other would be fishy folly, and with seven days in the week, you can alternate them!

The two chippies in question in the Park Crescent area are, as everyone knows, Harvey's Fish 'n' Chips on Vale Street and Irene's Supper Bar on the

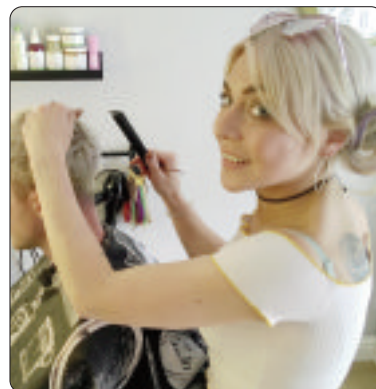
Crescent itself.

Both receive glowing reviews on TripAdvisor, so why not try both?

After all, at the end of a long day's work, it's a relief not to have to cook, so why not visit Park Crescent's chippies and save yourself the bother?

You'll be grateful that you plucked your trust in cod.

WHIZZ KIDS AND GLITTERING PRIZES



Georganne at work, and (right), the salon.



AS if to underline the vibrancy and dynamism of Park Crescent is a commercial new kid on the block. GEE WHIZZ HAUS OF HAIR is the brainchild and – forgive the unintended pun – extension of its founder, Georganne

Britton.

Wearing her colours firmly on her sleeve, she takes a no-cruelty approach to hair care and the other beauty products she uses and sells, and has her ethics at the heart of all she does.

As she puts it: "Animals don't need to be harmed in the pursuit of beauty."

As with many a salon, it offers a range of treatments from hair (and eyelash) extensions and colouring to waxing and spray-tanning, and yet...

"It's more than just a hair and beauty salon at GEE WHIZZ," said Georganne.

"I take the time to get to know people, to advise, to use the skills and experience I've developed over 14 years to bring out the inner beauty, the sparkle, that we all have."

Haus of Hair certainly does not feel 'clinical' in any way. It is by turns informal, cosy, calm, buzzing, individual, quirky, and run by the engaging Georganne, who has that enviable knack of being able to put anyone at their ease.

In short, it is an ideal marriage of on-trend and dazzling designs and products with good old-fashioned customer service.

There is, however, more to GEE WHIZZ, and also based there is Stevie Rosé.

Freshly back from Ibiza, Stevie is the brains behind Paint Me Bitch. This is not an instruction by someone from the north of England to apply top coat to a female dog, but is a concept that is quite literally glittering.

Stevie creates glitter designs for parties, for fun, and for festivals, and, with Georganne, he has landed the gig to supply glitter designs, hair-braiding, and more for this year's GlastonBARRY event.

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GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2018



GŴYL Fach y Fro was held on Barry Island on Saturday, June 16th, and the organisers are pleased that the event proved to be successful once again this year.

GŴyl Fach y Fro is the annual festival established by Menter Bro Morgannwg in 2015 to celebrate the use of the Welsh language in the Vale of Glamorgan. This free family-friendly festival has earned its place as an important addition to the Vale's events calendar, and attracts audiences from the Vale and beyond.

The festival includes live musical performances, dance and theatre, craft stalls selling local Welsh produce, food & drink stalls, street entertainers, BWRLWM play area, and a variety of arts and crafts, circus and sports workshops.

The main stage line-up included some of the biggest names in the Welsh music scene – Candelas, Geraint Lovgreen a'r Enw Da, Mabli Tudur a'r Band, Al Lewis, Eädyth and Fleur de Lys – many of which were performing in Barry for the first time. A second stage was introduced

this year under the Eastern Shelter, with performances by Nantgarw, Hana2K, Wigwam, Cynefin, Y Gerddorfa Ukulele Gymreig and Wonderbrass. This new area was a very popular addition to the festival and allowed us to invite many more artists to perform during the day. Hundreds of local school children also took to the stage to perform throughout the afternoon.

We'd like to say a big thank you to all our staff, volunteers, partners and performers, and of course to everyone who came to Barry Island to support and to enjoy the festivities!

Thanks to our official photographer 'Camera Sioned' for preparing these selection of photos exclusively for the GEM – keep an eye on our Facebook and Twitter pages over the next few weeks to see more!

We are now in the process of evaluating the event. Were you at this year's GŴyl Fach y Fro? We would really appreciate your feedback and comments. A link to the short online survey can be found on Menter's website:

www.menterbromorgannwg.cymru



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CAFODD Gŵyl Fach y Fro ei chynnal ar Ynys y Barri dydd Sadwrn diwethaf, Mehefin 16eg, ac mae'r trefnwyr yn falch i adrodd bod y digwyddiad wedi bod yn llwyddiant mawr unwaith eto eleni.

Gŵyl Fach y Fro yw'r ŵyl flynyddol a sefydlwyd gan Menter Bro Morgannwg yn 2015 i ddatlu'r defnydd o'r Gymraeg ym Mro Morgannwg. Mae'r ŵyl rhad ac am ddim hwn wedi mynd o nerth i nerth dros y blynyddoedd diwethaf, ac erbyn hyn mae wedi ennill ei lle yng nghalendr digwyddiadau Bro Morgannwg a'r cyffiniau gan ddenu cynulleidfaoedd eang.

Mae'r ŵyl yn cynnwys perfformiadau cerddorol, dauws a theatr, stondinau crefft a chynnyrch Cymraeg, stondinau bwyd a diod, adloniant stryd, ardal chwarae BWRLWM ac amryw o weithdai crefft, syrcau a chwaraeon.

Roedd line-up y prif lwyfan eleni'n cynnwys rhai o artistiaid mwyaf blaengar y sin gerddoriaeth Gymraeg – Candelas, Geraint Lovgreen a'r Enw Da, Mabli Tudur a'r Band, Al Lewis, Eädyth a Fleur de Lys – a nifer ohonynt yn perfformio yn y Barri am y tro cyntaf. Eleni, cyflwynwyd ail lwyfan o dan y Cysgod Ddwyrainiol, gyda pherfformiadau yno gan Nantgarw, Hana2K, Wigwam, Cynefin, Y Gerddorfa Ukulele Gymreig a Wonderbrass. Roedd yr ardal newydd hwn yn ychwanegiad poblogaidd iawn eleni a'n gyfle i ehangu'n sylweddol ar arlwy cerddorol y diwrnod. Camodd gannoedd o ddysgiblon o ysgolion Cymraeg y Sir hefyd i'r lwyfan i berfformio yn ystod y prynhawn.

Hoffwn ddiolch yn fawr i'n holl staff, gwirfoddolwyr, partneriaid a pherfformwyr, ac wrth gwrs i bawb ddaeth draw i Ynys y Barri i gefnogi ac i fwynhau!

Diolch i'n ffotograffydd swyddogol 'Camera Sioned' am y detholiad hyfryd hwn o luniau – cadwch olwg ar ein cyfrifon Facebook a Twitter dros yr wythnosau nesaf i weld mwy!

Rydyn ni wrthi nawr yn gwerthuso'r digwyddiad. Oeddech chi yn Gŵyl Fach y Fro eleni? Byddwn yn gwerthfawrogi eich adborth a'ch sylwadau yn fawr. Mae linc i'r holiadur ar-lein byr ar gael ar wefan y Fenter:

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‘Think again on youth services’ say unions

TRADE unions representing local youth workers have accused the Vale Council of rushing to agree new proposals on its youth service provision.

It is a charge refuted by the Vale Council which points out that it has carried out a consultation. It also says that reports have been examined in detail and approved by scrutiny committees.

UNISON and UNITE have questioned the legitimacy of the decision-making process which will reduce the current universal access team of 48 youth officers to eight staff and close Llantwit Major youth centre.

In the most rural areas, youth work will be performed by volunteers and not qualified youth workers. The council should save around £63,000 over two years.

The trade unions have called on the council to withdraw the proposals and work with them on a new youth service strategy.

Andrew Woodman, UNISON organiser said: “Youth workers go into the profession driven by a passion to help improve the lives of young people, particularly those from poorer backgrounds.

“They enjoy supporting them, building their confidence and assisting them to access education, employment and training.

“Depriving young people in the Vale of this high-quality

service is a betrayal. There’s an obligation on the council to think again.”

Joanne Galazka, UNITE regional officer, said: “You want your elected councillors to do their best for the local community.

“Everything about this proposal spells the opposite. There’s been no careful analysis of what quality youth work can provide young people and no involvement of the staff or young people themselves.

“This reckless decision means most young people will no longer have the option of approaching a qualified youth worker.

“At a time when youth services are needed more than ever, managers should be working with staff and unions to enhance the service, not impose draconian cuts with so little consultation.”

Cllr Bob Penrose, Vale Council Cabinet member for learning and culture, said a good service would be maintained.

“I presented the report on the restructure of the youth service in the Vale to Cabinet last week where it was approved unanimously. That came after it had already been placed through a public consultation exercise and had been discussed and approved at two Scrutiny Committees.

“The council is looking to restructure its youth service provision in an effort to ensure greater efficiency. Under the

proposals, exactly the same level of provision would be offered across the Vale.

“The service in Llantwit Major will be provided by mobile youth officers using the council’s hi-tech youth bus, which consultation exercises have demonstrated is very popular with young people.

“This will be a key component of the council’s revamped youth service going forward.

“The youth cabinet and youth action groups, which make up the Vale Youth Forum, have been consulted as part of this process and many of the proposed changes have been inspired by their responses.

“That feedback and the minutes of the meetings have been shared with the Children’s Commissioners Office and they are content with our approach.

“We are proposing changes to staff contracts to reduce the number of part-time posts. Many youth workers have multiple contracts, and others have work for as little as three hours a week. The changes would see fewer posts but the restructure will mean posts available for more permanent hours per week.”

He added: “Any staff affected by these changes will be offered the opportunity to apply for the new roles in the service and for redeployment within the council, while redundancy would be approached on a case by case basis.”

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‘Confusing, inappropriate, ridiculous...’ Poor reaction to ‘sugar tax’ on milk drinks proposal

FROM local dairy farmers to politicians and farming unions, reaction to The GEM to recommendations set out in the Commons Health Committee Childhood Obesity Plan (CHCCOP) to extend the ‘sugar tax’ to include milk drinks has been overwhelmingly that of concern.

The Farmers Union of Wales (FUW) states that sugary ‘energy’ drinks and milk drinks are “incomparable” and any application of the levy is “inappropriate”.

The Government is expected to publish a refreshed version of the 2016 Childhood Obesity Plan shortly. As part of this report, plans to extend the tax levy on sugary soft drinks to milk-based drinks have been recommended by the Commons Health Committee.

FUW, however, measures outlined in the CHCCOP could have

“...detrimental and far-reaching implications” for the Welsh dairy sector.

A spokesperson for FUW said: “The union agrees with the aspirations of the Childhood Obesity Plan and supports action on widening health, but strongly opposes the premise that sugary soft drinks and all milk-based drinks should attract similar tax based levies.

“Such products are incomparable and the transfer of a levy penalty to nutritional milk drinks is therefore inappropriate.”

Dai Miles, FUW Milk and Dairy Produce Chairman, said: “It is the belief of FUW that the Nutrient Profiling Modelling undertaken has done a tremendous disservice to nutritional milk products and could detrimentally affect the ways in which such products are viewed by the consumer.”

Rhys Lougher, of Ty Tanglwyst Dairy, near Bridgend, said: “Childhood obesity is an issue that we all take extremely seriously.

“I, like many farmers, take great pride

in visiting local schools and engaging with the next generation to educate them about where their food comes from, promoting healthy lifestyles and helping children make informed choices about the food they eat.

“Any levy that groups sugary soft drinks in the same bracket as milk-based products completely ignores the nutritional value of dairy products, undermines the work of those working in the dairy sector and risks sending a very confusing message to consumers and the next generation.”

Vale MP Alun Cairns suggested that there is “...a lot of misunderstanding” over proposals to combat childhood obesity.

“There are no plans to tax milk, only products that have sugar added to them, and I am concerned that such misinformation undermines confidence in a very important sector of agriculture.

“I am a strong supporter of Welsh Dairy Farmers, and I will continue to work closely with local dairy

farmers – and the farming unions – to promote their products.”

Suzi Davies AM, Member for South Wales West, said: “Milk already has a certain amount of natural sugar, and I would support efforts to reduce the amount of additional sugars added, and I understand the recommendations for those milk drinks that are also loaded with extra sugar.

“However, I think it is ridiculous that milk-based drinks could fall under such a levy.”

Abi Reader of Goldsland Farm, Wenvoe, told The GEM: “Milk (and dairy) is an extremely useful tool to help battle child, and adult, obesity because of its nutritional benefits and allowing you to feel fuller for longer.

“I think it is totally wrong to attempt to place milk and milk based drinks in the same category as sugary soft drinks.

“In my opinion we should be encouraging youngsters to drink more milk, not put them off.” **FG**

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Extra Charges (for all tariffs)	Nil	Extra Charges (for all tariffs)	Nil
Tariff 2		Tariff 2	
11.00pm to 6.00am every day. All day Sundays and Bank Holidays. First 1/2 mile or part thereof.	£3.00	11.00pm to 6.00am every day. All day Sundays and Bank Holidays. First 1/2 mile or part thereof.	£3.00
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From left: Finty Osborne and Ellie Thomas.

Photography students' business boosted by college

NOT so much a photo finish as a photo start-up – two students from Cardiff and Vale College have set up their own equine and event photography business.

Second year Foundation Degree in photography students Ellie Thomas and Finty Osborne had a flash of inspiration and established Paramount Photographers, specialising at the moment in events and equine photography. But the two students are focusing on expansion.

"We always talked about setting up a business as individuals and we're both into the same type and style of photography so we thought why not go into it together?" 24-year-old Finty, who lives in Pontypridd, explained.

"Two minds – we can come up with different ideas."

Ellie, 23 and from Cardiff, added: "We wanted to offer a service and as there's two of us we can do twice as much and be in two places at the same time so we don't miss anything. It just seemed to be the best idea."

The two learners believe their Foundation Degree in photography, which CAVC offers in partnership with the University of South Wales, and the support they have received from the college have been crucial to their decision to set up a business.

For more information about Paramount Photographers visit: www.facebook.com/paramountpics/. www.instagram.com/paramountphotographers/?hl=en; email photographersparamount@gmail.com

News from the Fonmon Apiary

THE prevailing warm weather has certainly been appreciated by the bees.

All of the colonies in the apiary are expanding very rapidly and I have been able to keep pace with them because I have the equipment on hand to do so. There are beekeepers out there who obviously do not have equipment to hand, as swarm calls are coming in at regular intervals.

How do you proceed when collecting a swarm? First, gather as much information as you can from the caller: ie address, where are you?

Where are the bees? How high are they?

How long have they been there? Are they in a hedge? Are they in a tree?

They may even be in or on a building. Once the relevant information is to hand a plan of action can be compiled.

Obviously a receptacle of some kind will be required. This can be a cardboard box, or even a waste paper basket; being an established beekeeper I have purpose-made containers ready for use. Whatever is utilised it is only going to be a temporary home and the swarm will be hived as soon as conditions allow.

Each swarm that has been tackled so far has required different tactics.

Only one had the lovely ball shape and was at head height hanging from a tree branch, the others were under garden furniture, wrapped around the leg of a garden bench, tucked well inside a privet hedge and even on the floor!

A word of advice here to would-be collectors: on getting the main body of bees into your receptacle do not leave immediately with it. Put it on the floor as near to where you collected it as possible, make sure that bees can enter/leave if they choose to and return in the late evening.

Why do this? Well, by late evening all of the flying bees will have joined your companions in your receptacle and you can then safely take them away; failure to do this will leave several hundred agitated bees behind and you will not be popular with the folks whose property you have entered.

Not all swarms stay put – in fact three lots had decided to move on, leaving us with empty boxes on our return in the late evening. You win some... you lose some!

Very fortunately for me a swarm arrived at the apiary and obligingly went into hive that I keep handy as on-site spare equipment. How nice is that.

Harold Williams

Pleasant stroll for the Ramblers

ON a pleasant sunny summer evening, 12 walkers joined Geraint from Penarth and District Ramblers at the Twyn in Dinas Powys for a circular walk taking in the historic Dinas Powys hillfort, and setting off up Highwalls Road they crossed the empty Dinas Powys golf course.

Making their way into woodland and down a sunken path, a quiet lane led them into the Millfields before a deviation into Coed Clwyd-gwyn for the steep climb up a narrow pathway, clambering over fallen trees and climbing wooden steps leading up through the ancient ditches and into the hillfort.

This site was found by Sir Mortimer Wheeler, who with a friend of his (Leslie Alcock) organised a dig at the site which was called Cwm George Camp which they assumed was an Iron Age fort.

The actual fort consists of four sets of banks and deep ditches still in evidence and it was defended to the north, east and west by steep hillsides.

The site is the best preserved in Wales and most of Europe and in actual fact relates to the Dark Ages, a period of time between when the Romans left and the Normans invaded when there was religious and civil unrest with deterioration in culture and economy and much fighting.

Pottery, amphora storage jars for wine, olive oil and fish sauce which would have made the journey of 3,000-miles by sea from Syria, taking six months to arrive, were found, along with glass beakers, crystal cups that were rounded at the bottom and around 22,000-animal bones that had been butchered and burnt.

Descending the opposite side of the hill into the steep-sided Cwm George, the track led on with views towards a mist covered Garth Hill and the village of Michaelston-le-Pit and Llandough Hospital.

Climbing a bridle path, a steep rocky track led them into Park Wood with its mature beech trees and turning south along wide paths in the broad leaved woodland; another short climb was followed by a descent to the Beauville lane and the One o'Clock Gate.

Then heading down across the verdant golf course, with its wonderful individual trees in full leaf and a few golfers still enjoying playing the greens, brought them back to Dinas village after an interesting journey.

On June 24, meet 9am at Cogan for a 9.5-mile moderate joint walk with Caerphilly Ramblers in the Abersychan area, call Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On June 27, the midweek walk will leave Cogan Leisure Centre at 7.30am for the 20-mile strenuous annual Three Castles Walk; contact William on 07528 701 952.

On June 28, meet 6.30pm at the entrance to the Millfields (bottom of Penyturpike Road) Dinas Powys for a 5.5 mile easy/mod evening walk taking in the Salmon Leaps; contact Sue J on 07969 974 921.

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. For up to date information log on to www.penarthramblers.wordpress.com or access Facebook. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

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We'll meet again...

THE Bridgend at War fun family day on June 16 began with people braving, as Dame Vera Lynn sang all those years ago, those angry skies.

The rain was intermittent, and did not spoil the interest from local and distant visitors to the sights and sounds – minus air-raid sirens or the feared knock at the door as 'the telegram' was delivered – of not only WWII, but also The Great War.

Instead of last year's replica Supermarine Spitfire in Dunraven

Place, fittingly close to Bridgend's war memorial, was a replica Bristol Scout aircraft, which was designed as a racing aircraft.

Monty and Winnie returned to walk among the people, and also perambulating through the town was a group of re-enactors imagining the route taken by German POWs from Bridgend Railway Station to Island Farm, and in some cases ultimately justice at Nuremberg.

Photo credits as follows: 1 Glyn Evans; 2 David Swidenbank.



Don't know where...



EAGLE-eyed readers may have seen some photos annotated '3'.

These were taken by Roger Harrison and have not been turned digitally into monochrome.

They were taken not

with a digital camera, but an Isolette film camera (younger readers may need to inquire of their grandparents) of the 1950s, a model similar to its older sibling of WWII.

Southerndown WI celebrates

SOUTHERNDOWN WI's last meeting was a celebration for their 70th anniversary with a party.

As usual, the food was delicious and a beautiful cake was baked by Judith on a summer theme. Joan, the most 'senior' member at 98, ceremoniously cut the cake.

The event was enjoyed by all those present and members sang and danced to the 'Bridgend Ukes' who made the whole evening fun.

Members are off this week to Bickleigh Mill and taking the Tiverton horse-drawn barge along the canal.

The summer outing will be to Chavanage House for a tour and afternoon tea.

Chavanage is host to much of the Poldark series, but unfortunately, filming is finished, so no

glimpses of Captain Ross!

At the end of the month, a coffee morning will take place at Southerndown church to commemorate 100 years of women and the vote.

The guest will be the head of St John Ambulance, who will speak to members on what it is like being a woman leading a national organisation.

This will be followed by a discussion on how members' lives have changed, both at work and home, since the WI's formation 70 years ago.

The group meets every second Thursday of the month (except August) in St Brides Major church hall at 7.15pm.

New members are always welcome so, come along and hear this month's with the intriguing title 'What Does She Do in That Shed?' **CH**



Bridgend Lions make donation



JOHN Craxton, welfare chairman of Bridgend Lions Club presented a donation in the sum of £600 to Fiona Burlingham, the chair of Board of Trustees of Westward Community Centre, Cefn Glas in appreciation of the cooperation between the two organisations.

CAROL THOMAS

Pro-EU group to host meeting

A BRIDGEND county councillor is helping to launch a pro-EU grassroots campaign group.

Cllr David White (Labour) says the first meeting, which is taking place on Friday, July 6, will involve a keynote speaker, an open discussion and the formation of an active group.

The meeting at the Westward Community Centre in Cefn Glas, Bridgend will start at 7pm.

The Bridgend group will be under the auspices of Wales for Europe which describes itself as "a grassroots, cross-party and no-party organisation, determined to secure the best deal for Wales with the UK, Europe and the rest of the world".

During the EU referendum 54.64 per cent of people in Bridgend voted to leave the European Union.

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COSTELLO
Thomas Francis

After an illness borne with courage, on 14th June at Barry Community Hospital, Tom, aged 86 years, from Barry. Beloved husband of Rita, much loved father of Sharon-Lee, Mark and Paul, dear father in law of Catherine and Judith. Loving grandad to Matthew, James, Charlotte, Harriet and Oliver and great grandad to Harley. Tom will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Enquires regarding the funeral service to
Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Barry.
Telephone 01446 407962.

ADAMS**Philippa Ann**

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on 7th June, Philippa, of Pendine Close, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late John, much loved mam of Jonathan, Tina, Tracey, Sally and Jimmy. Mother-in-law of Lisa, Darren, Chris and Kayleigh. Adored Nan to all her grandchildren and Great Nannie to all her great grandchildren. Loving sister to all her brothers and sisters.

Resting in the care of A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, until her funeral service in the chapel on Monday, 2nd July at 1pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry at 2pm.
Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

DOLMAN**Kenneth (Ken)**

Suddenly on 7th June at Llandough Hospital, Kenneth (Ken) of Barry, retired HGV driver for Aberthaw Cement. Dearly loved husband of Margaret, a loved father of Jayne, Mark and father-in-law of Leigh. Cherished Bamp of Josh, Troy, Amilee and Kayleigh. Great grandfather of Ava and Macie-Leigh.

Ken will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the funeral on Wednesday, 27th June. Service in the chapel at 2pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry.

Family flowers only. If desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for UK Sepsis Trust.

McMAHON**Frances May (née Helyar)**

Peacefully on 31st May at Llandough Hospital, Frances, devoted wife of the late Patrick, loving mum of Chris, Sue and Bonny. Special mother-in-law of Martin and Tony. A cherished nan of Matthew, Alex and Tom.

Frances will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until a celebration of her life at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, 2nd July at 12 noon.

Family flowers only. Donations if desired may be made at the service to support the amazing work of The Dementia Unit at Llandough Hospital in memory of Frances.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Lyndsay Ellis.
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MYERS**Jack**

The family wish to announce the sad passing of Jack on 3rd June at the University Hospital of Wales. A devoted husband to the late Beatrice. Much loved dad of Spencer and Chris. Special father-in-law of Barbara and Elaine. A cherished grandfather to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Jack will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Resting in the care of Lyndsay Ellis @ The Vale Funeral Service, Court Road, Barry until his service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Tuesday, 26th June at 12 noon.

Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service to support British Heart Foundation in memory of Jack.

BROWN**Malcolm Alwin (Mal)**

Very suddenly on 11th June at Glan Gwili Hospital, Camarthen, Mal, aged 49 years of Geraint Place, Barry. Loved partner of Tracey and father of Elliot, Alex and Cameron. Much loved son of Reg and Jill, brother of Debbie and the late Darren and Lyndon. Uncle to Dean.

Mal will be greatly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry. Funeral service in the chapel on Thursday, 28th June at 1pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Heart Disease.

STOKES**Thomas Morgan (Tommy)**

Peacefully on 15th June at Llandough Hospital, Thomas Morgan (Tommy), aged 88 years of Gladstone Road, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Glenys. A loved father of John, Gaynor, Martin, Thomas and father-in-law of Susan, Philip and the late Julie. Cherished grandfather and great grandfather.

Tommy will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry, where flowers may be sent until the funeral on Thursday, 28th June. Service in the chapel at 3pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium Port Road East, Barry.

DAVID**Gwyn**

Suddenly on 10th June, at his home in Roath, Cardiff, Gwyn, formerly of Welford Farm, Port Road, Barry. Dearest husband of Frances, much loved brother of Megan, Alun and families.

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HALL**Alun Stuart**

Suddenly, but peacefully, at home on Saturday, 2nd June 2018, Alun of Bryntirion Hill, Bridgend. Beloved husband of the late Janneke. Much loved dad of Azina and Jo-Ann. Loved and respected father-in-law of Paul and Craig, a dear brother-in-law and friend.

Funeral service in Coychurch Crematorium on Wednesday, 27th June 2018 at 11am. Family flowers only by request but donations in lieu will be kindly received for British Heart Foundation and may be sent directly the charity.

All enquiries to Rosemount Funeral Home
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STONEHOUSE**Joan**

Peacefully at Princess of Wales Hospital, Joan, aged 82 years, passed away on the 14th June.

She will be greatly missed by all her loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Cardiff and Glamorgan Memorial Park and Crematorium on Friday, 6th July 2018 at 1pm.

Acknowledgement

WESTALL**Carol Ann (née James)**

Paula, Kevin, Joanne and family wish to thank all friends and relatives who attended Carol's funeral, and for the kind messages of sympathy, flowers, cards and generous donations to Marie Curie.

Special thanks to the Marie Curie nursing team, A.G. Adams Funeralcare and to Father Kevin Lake for conducting such an uplifting and memorable service in celebration of Carol's life.

Acknowledgement

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Alan William (Big Al)

Nancy would like to thank family and friends for the cards, messages of condolence and flowers received. Also, the doctors, nurses and Marie Curie for the support given.

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TURNER**Edward Henry (Ted)**

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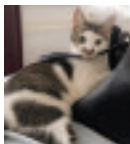
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ED Sheeran fans are getting vital travel advice as cheeky popster prepares to take over Cardiff for four nights.

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With thousands of fans set to flock to the capital,

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Gareth Stevens, commercial manager at Cardiff Bus, said: "With thousands of fans set to attend this fantastic event, we would like to remind all travellers of the planned road closures coming into effect.

"We hope everyone seeing Ed Sheeran has a fantastic time and we would like to remind them that all Cardiff Bus travel information can be found at our website www.cardiffbus.com or via our social media pages on Facebook and Twitter."

AM supports water fountains

LAST week, Vale AM Jane Hutt met Joanne Cheek from the Beautiful Barry campaign at the Knap water fountain to support her call for water fountains in Barry parks.

She also made a 90-second statement in the National Assembly on June 13 about the Beautiful Barry campaign for drinking water fountains.

Vale group demand a 'people's vote' on Brexit

A NUMBER of residents from across the Vale have to set up a 'grassroots pro-EU campaign group' to voice their concerns about the impact of Brexit and to campaign for a 'people's vote' on the final deal.

Vale of Glamorgan for Europe is part of the wider Wales for Europe group, which in turn is affiliated to European Movement UK [which opposes Brexit].

The group recently held street stalls in Cowbridge and Penarth to promote the People's Vote campaign and find out how the public feels Brexit is going.

Penarth-based Anthony Slaughter and Cowbridge-based Sally Stephenson are two of the co-founders of Vale of Glamorgan for Europe.

According to Anthony, many businesses and individuals "...across the Vale are extremely concerned about how badly the Brexit negotiations are going.

"We were promised that if we left the European Union we would have exactly the same benefits as before and that it wouldn't cost us a penny to leave.

"However it is becoming clearer by the day that that is not going to be the case - we now know that we will all be much worse off and it will actually cost billions of pounds."

Businesswoman Sally, said: "We are now seeing in the news on an almost daily basis how businesses across the UK are struggling, and even having to close, because

of the impact of Brexit.

"Sadly, businesses in the Vale are no exception - costs have risen dramatically due to the crash in the value of the pound following the referendum, and sales are falling as people have less money to spend.

"If the government insists on taking the UK out of the Single Market and Customs Union, it will increase costs so much that many valuable local businesses will simply not be able to survive - many will go bust. This will create more empty shops on our high streets and many people will lose their jobs," said Sally, who owns two shops in Cowbridge.

"We set up Vale of Glamorgan for Europe to highlight all these issues and campaign for a 'people's vote' on the final deal. The people should decide if the version of Brexit which the government is negotiating on their behalf is really what they want."

According to the group, people in Cowbridge do not think the Brexit negotiations are going well or that Brexit will be good for jobs and the economy.

This Saturday, June 23, the Vale for Europe group will travel to London to join tens of thousands of campaigners coming from across the UK and Europe in a march to Parliament to demand a 'people's vote'.

Search for Vale of Glamorgan for Europe is on Facebook and Twitter for more information.

Sally Stephenson, Cowbridge.

Major Music in tune with £500 grant



MAJOR MUSIC's doors will remain open for the summer as Llantwit Major Town Council donate £500. The cheque was presented to the project last week and as a result it can run until the end of September 2018.

Major Music is a project that has provided a creative music service for young people in the Vale since February 2000. It was later taken over by YMCA Barry in 2014.

The project's future became uncertain when funding was cut earlier in the year.

Major Music now needs to raise £250 per month to stay open. Last month was secured by the Community Matters Fund, Waitrose.

The project is appealing to any local businesses that may be willing to sponsor them to help keep it going.

Major Music's 'drop in' sessions run every Tuesday 6pm-9pm, aimed at 11-25 year olds.

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The flowers need to meet a number of criteria - the situation of the arrangement, the colours needed, the size of the arrangement, the occasion, and the perfume, all dictate which flowers you can use.

Barbara did the first arrangement of pink lilies and peonies with white roses and mauve carnations, with various greenery very full and lush, very pretty and summery.

Ann then came forward with a very different arrangement - very lovely

fern-type foliage. Flowers used were Germini in a range of yellow, gold and orange with red roses making a very hot Mediterranean look, all arranged in a horizontal 'Hogarth curve', all very elegant.

Barbara's second arrangement was very beautiful, a collection of various flowers in white lavender and purple, very delicate and airy, and the scent was wonderful.

Ann's second arrangement was quite large, done on a stand; again very beautiful foliage with a good variety of flowers in colours of pink, mulberry, maroon, very beautiful. This time a vertical Hogarth curve, very dramatic.

Both of these ladies made everything look so easy which is always the way when you are watching experts.

The arrangements were then raffled so four very lucky, happy members went home elated. We owe a huge thank you to Ann and Barbara, well done girls.

If you would like to join us we would be delighted to see you, we meet the second Thursday of every month in Llanblethian Church Hall at 7.30pm - see you there.

Welsh youngsters about to board Adventure Wales for the Tall Ships Regatta.

THE sail training vessel Adventure Wales, owned by the charity Challenge Wales, picked up its first award as it prepared to take part in the Tall Ships Regatta in Liverpool.

The Environmental Award was won by Adventure Wales for its environmental commitment and is a great recognition of the environmental focus the vessel and the charity have taken.

Sail Training International race director Paul Bishop said: "Protecting the marine environment is more important today than it ever has been with the immense levels of plastic pollution in all the world's oceans today."

"The Environmental Award went to a vessel which has environmental stewardship education as part of their on board training."

Vicky Williams, trustee of Challenge Wales, said: "The

Challenge Wales charity has been working on initiatives to educate others on sustainability and the marine environment and embedding these into our sail training activities.

"From measuring plankton levels and bringing science to life to developing accreditation in environmental activities, all give us an opportunity to talk to young people about issues affecting the marine environment including plastic pollution which is often seen on our doorstep."

"It is great for Adventure Wales to be recognised publicly for the work the charity is doing in this area."

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Pre-season plans confirmed for Barry Town United

BARRY Town United have confirmed their pre-season schedule for the 2018-19 season, with a trio of opponents from days gone by making their way to Jenner Park in the months of July and August.

After coming within two wins of European football in their 2017-18 campaign, Barry's pre-season kicks off on Saturday, July 14 (2.30pm) with a trip to recent JD Welsh Cup giantkillers and FAW Trophy finalists Penarth, before welcoming old friends Ton Pentre to Jenner Park on Saturday, July 21 (2.30pm).

The Town then entertain a Swansea City XI at Jenner Park on Tuesday, July 24 (7.45pm), before Gavin Chesterfield's squad make a swift return to Cardiff Metropolitan University on Saturday, July 28 for what is poised

to be another high-octane meeting with Christian Edwards' Archers (2.30pm).

With a further friendly to potentially be added, Barry will welcome Southern League side and former Beazer Homes League adversaries Redditch United to Jenner Park on Saturday, August 4 (2.30pm).

As the team prepare for a renewed attack on the JD Welsh Premier League, the exact make-up of next season's squad is unclear, though it is thought that a host of favourites will be back at Jenner Park in time to tackle champions The New Saints, returning Caernarfon Town and Llanelli and others.

While the likes of defender Luke Cooper and goalkeeper Mike Lewis have pledged their immediate future to the Jenner Park outfit, forwards Tyrrell Webbe and James Demetriou have both moved to pastures new, with Webbe heading west to JD Welsh Premier

League rivals Carmarthen Town and Demetriou returning to his native Australia to again don the colours of former side Sydney Olympic.

Coming in, meanwhile, manager Chesterfield has confirmed the re-signing of Clayton Green.

Off the field, the club was stunned to learn that former Jenner Park favourite Gary Lloyd had been recently hospitalised, the long-serving defender and free-kick specialist suffering a stroke.

Former Barry teammates Darren Ryan, Gareth Knott, Neil Sharp, Dave Toomey, Scott Morgan, Nicky Burke, Lee Barrow, Leigh Pratt and Jon French were among the many to send their best wishes via social media, with everyone at Jenner Park sharing in their hopes for a full and rapid recovery.

Finally, thoughts are

with the friends and family of Ken Dolman (82), who sadly passed away.

Playing alongside the likes of Charlie Dyke, Laurie Sheffield and Neil O'Halloran, Ken made a mighty 286 appearances for Barry, scoring 26 goals, including seven against Ebbw Vale in an FA Cup clash.

Featuring in the famous FA Cup first round tie with Queen's Park Rangers, Ken's lengthy Jenner Park career encompassed the club's landmark tour of Malta, where he was among the goalscorers in a 2-2 draw with 1961's Maltese Premier League champions, Hibernians.

The club have also announced a three-year kit deal with Macron Cardiff, a deal that will see the JD Welsh Premier League club wear the latest Macron Sports kit for the 2018-19 season and beyond.

This new partnership will see all Barry Town

teams across the entire club wearing Macron apparel, as well as the launch of a new range of replica shirts and leisurewear for fans and a new, on-site club shop, offering a wide range of merchandise.

Barry manager Gavin Chesterfield commented: "I'm delighted we have agreed this long-term deal with Macron Cardiff. The one-club philosophy is important to us and there's no better feeling than seeing all our teams - minis, ladies, pan-disability and academy - wearing the same kit and representing our town."

Managing director Jamie Sylvester of Macron added: "We at Macron and Macron Store Cardiff are delighted that Barry Town United have chosen to join the Macron family and our ever-growing list of technical partners."

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Colin lands hole-in-one

THE grey skies and persistent drizzle didn't dampen the spirits of those competing for the President's Cup over the magnificent Brynhill Golf Club course, particularly John Windle, who carded an obscene score of 45 points (nine under handicap) to take the trophy by three shots from Elliot Palmer.

The biggest talking point of the day was a superb hole in one on the par three ninth hole by Colin Lewis.

On Sunday, it's back to Medal Golf with the Tennessee Cup (gross comp) and the Bob Hope Trophy (net comp).

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No./

Rhif y cais:

2018/00703/FUL

Proposal/Cynnig:

1) Change of use of existing offices to 3 No. one bedroom flats and 1 No. new build as extension single storey one bedroom residential unit; 2) Widening of existing cross over as access to parking area 9, Bradenham Place, Penarth

Location/Lleoliad:

Conservation Area/

Ardal Gadwraeth

Penarth

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No./

Rhif y cais:

2018/00613/LBC

Proposal/Cynnig:

Replacement of existing windows of the windmill tower. 2. Replacement of existing front door of the windmill tower. 3. Lime plaster of internal walls. 4. Painting of attached house in off white Yr Hen Felin Wynt, Windmill Close, Wick

Location/Lleoliad:

Listed Building:/

Adeilad Rhestredig

Grade II

Application No./

Rhif y cais:

2018/00682/LBC

Proposal/Cynnig:

The building of a oak timber canopy with tiled roof over the rear door of the house, this replaces existing canopy and will be on a small sloping roof with 3 oak posts on saddle stones

Location/Lleoliad:

Listed Building:/

Adeilad Rhestredig

Hill Cottage, West Street, Llantwit Major

Grade II

Application No./

Rhif y cais:

2018/00689/LBC

Proposal/Cynnig:

External and internal repairs 62, High Street, Cowbridge

Location/Lleoliad:

Listed Building:/

Adeilad Rhestredig

Grade II

Application No./

Rhif y cais:

2018/00693/LBC

Proposal/Cynnig:

Two storey extension to rear to provide sitting room/study at ground floor level, bedroom and shower room to first floor Ty Fry Lodge, Pendoylan

Location/Lleoliad:

Listed Building:/

Adeilad Rhestredig

Grade II

Application No./

Rhif y cais:

2018/00709/LBC

Proposal/Cynnig:

Installation of new fibre and copper cabling to provide connections to new BT circuits and cisco wireless access points. There is a requirement to install a gas seal unit. Internal drilling is required for new PVC trunking internally in the basement and on the ground floor. Drilling will also be required to mount the AP points to the walls or ceiling.

Location/Lleoliad:

Listed Building:/

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Vale of Glamorgan Council,
Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT



Mix-up for Millwood!

THIS week did not start well for Millwood Bwls Club as, due to a mix-up, our home Munro Cup fixture was assumed by our opponents Penarth Windsor to be their home fixture - the game will be rearranged.

Saturday saw the A side travel to Ystrad Mynach for a Division 6 fixture and despite a cloudy, rain-threatened afternoon, the rain gods were on our side and a good game followed.

Geoff Stone, with his rink of Keith Thomas Harry Hodgkinson and Dave Lewis, found themselves locked in a tight game with neither side able to lead by more than two shots until the last three ends, when the eight shots scored gave them a 21 shots to 15 victory.

Bryn Webb, Alan Bickley, Tony Cole and Brian Howcroft were having a similarly tight game but were undone, dropping five shots on the last three ends, losing 20 shots to 14.

Meanwhile, skip Alan Evans and his rink of Arthur Norris, Dave Woodfin and Mickey Lucas were finding it hard going over the first 15 ends, and trailed 13 shots to 11.

However, 12 shots scored over the last six ends led to a comfortable win by 23 shots to 13.

Alan Bumford and his rink of Terry Mullins, Paul Childs and Steve Sewell had great difficulty reading the green and, after 11 ends, trailed 16 shots to 8.

However, a strong recovery over the last 10 ends, including a 5 and a 7, saw them ease to a 30 shots to 19 victory.

There was an overall win for Millwood by 87 shots to 67, picking up 12 points in the process.

The club side's fixture will be rearranged due to a Carruthers Cup fixture for Treharris/Trelewis.

Sunday saw a coach party set off for a friendly at Bridgwater - the weather was just right for bowls and a warm welcome was given to all concerned by our hosts.

This game was a response to an invitation issued after Bridgwater played at Millwood in 2017, and the game was played in the competitive but friendly spirit these games should be.

Although rink scores were kept, an honourable draw was declared by both captains at tea. The day was declared a great success by all involved and we look forward to Bridgwater visiting Millwood next year.

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Bridge results

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for June 18:

First, Margaret Price and Liam Sheridan, 60.63%; second, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones, 58.96%; third, Alan and Elaine Robbins, 56.67%.

LE

Regatta success for Barry Sea Cadets



The victorious junior rowing teams.

Lewis gets hockey call-up

LEWIS Latimer-Williams of St Athan has been selected to represent Wales Dragons in the under-13 boys hockey.

Lewis and his team have already claimed their first trophy in a tournament against the British Asian team in Birmingham, and then went on to win the runners-up silver medal in last weekend's UK under-13s boys hockey tournament in Nottingham, claiming victories in several matches against regional teams from Scotland, Ireland and England.

Lewis has been playing hockey since primary school where he attended Ysgol Iolo Morganwg. He plays in his school team at Ysgol Bro Morganwg where he is a Year 8 pupil and also for Penarth under-13s, who spotted his talent



and sent him for the Wales Hockey trials in Swansea.

He also enjoys playing football for Cowbridge Blacks, this year scooping the clubman of the year trophy and cricket for the Vale Cricket under-13s where the season is well underway.

When he has the time, he also enjoys running with the Major Milers running club!

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BARRY Sea Cadets won both the Junior Boys' and Junior Girls' rowing at the District Regatta held at the Barry Community Watersports Centre on Barry Dock recently, and finished second overall.

The event attracted sea cadets from all over south east Wales who, as well as rowing, took part in powerboat and sailboat handling competitions. The Penarth unit were the winners of the powerboat handling competition, while Porthcawl took senior rowing and sailing honours.

Sea Cadets provide numerous activities on land and water in the traditions of the Royal Navy.

NIGEL VICK

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First loss for Vale seconds - but they stay top of the league

FOLLOWING a great catches. slightly delayed start to the match because of light rain falling, Vale CC seconds stand-in skipper Mark Francis inserted Sully on winning the toss, hoping for some early wickets.

However, Sully got off to a good start with opening pair Russell Thomas (35) and Thomas Davies (42) putting on 82 before Gethin Merry broke the partnership.

However, Vale fought back well to reduce Sully to 138-5 with Paul Gilbert picking up three wickets. Gilbert was well supported by the ever-reliable Tom Lazarus who also picked up two wickets to keep Sully in check.

The bowlers were well supported in the field with Gilbert and Greg Andrews both holding

Sully responded through No 8 batsman Ben Spear who took the attack to Vale with a quick fire 50 including five 4s and two 6s and put on an excellent eighth wicket partnership of 40 with Mike Oatridge to take Sully over 200.

Gethin Merry's reintroduction to the attack brought another couple of wickets and the innings ended in the 40th over with Rob Gooch holding an excellent catch at backward square leg of Lazarus leaving Sully a very competitive 222 all out. For Vale, Lazarus 3-26, Gethin Merry 3-37 and Gilbert 3-32 were the main wicket takers.

Vale were short of some of their front-line batting but had posted over 200 in every game of the season so the target was well within their reach.

However, Vale soon found themselves in

early trouble as openers Gooch and Gethin Merry were back in the pavilion with only 26 on the board.

This brought together two stalwarts of Vale Cricket - the skipper Francis and Paul Sheppard - who set about using their experience to repair the early damage. Some fine stroke play from both players put together a stand of 106 and put Vale back on course with the run chase before Sheppard was caught at mid-wicket for a well played 40.

At 132-3 Vale were well placed, however Vale lost another two wickets for the addition of only 25 runs putting the game in the balance.

Francis was joined by Chris Haskins and these two added a further 34 runs but Vale then lost three wickets within the space of two runs to leave them with an uphill task.

Despite Francis

completing an excellent century containing 13 4s and two 6s, Vale fell short of the target by 12 runs with Francis finishing 105 not out.

For Sully Harish Hirani bowled well taking 3-29 and Sully's cause was also helped by some excellent ground fielding.

This was an excellent

game of cricket played by evenly matched sides and both sides should expect to be in contention for promotion from Division 3 at the end of the season.

The 10 bonus points Vale picked up keeps Vale seconds top of the division.

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First team.

Cottrell ladies enjoy a summer's BBQ!



Second team.

ON a beautiful warm and sunny evening, the Cottrell Park ladies played a nine hole competition with three clubs and a putter on the Mackintosh course.

The winners were Sandra Collin, Mary Davies and Patsie Smith with an excellent 44 points; Liz Overton, Tina Morgan and Francis Stickey were

second with 38 points; nearest the pin on the fourth hole was Julia Thomas.

The results were announced by Tina Morgan, ladies vice-captain, and the prizes presented by Lorraine Pointon-Bell, ladies' captain.

A BBQ was served on the patio and enjoyed by all. Sandra Collin thanked Lorraine for organising the evening which was a great success.

CB

Local club show public what they have to offer



DESPITE the weather, nearly 200 people had a great afternoon at the Barry Community Water Activity Centre and on Barry Dock on Sunday.

There were powerboat rides, sailing, rowing, canoeing and paddleboarding activities available to those who turned up, all of whom were fitted with buoyancy aids before going on the water.

On shore there were opportunities to learn about Barry Youth Watersports, Sea Cadets, Scouts and ways in which all people can get afloat in Barry.

Barry Round Table were also

present feeding the visitors with hot dogs and burgers from their barbeque. Hot drinks were provided by BCWAC volunteers and Bro Radio provided a musical backdrop.

Among the visitors was the Barry Mayor, Cllr Janice Charles, who was taken afloat by the centre manager Mr Keith McIntire.

She said: "It is great to see a facility like this in Barry and for the residents to have the opportunity to take part in so many activities."

For further details on the Centre look on Facebook or visit <https://bcwac.org.uk/>.

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Cash4Clubs grant applications are now open

MAKING a return for the 10th year running, Paddy Power Betsfair will open entries for community clubs nationwide to submit their applications for Cash4Clubs grants.

The grants available range from £500 to £1,000 and this year the Cash4Clubs scheme is celebrating a decade of support for local communities by offering the chance for one ambitious club to win a huge £10,000.

The charitable scheme is open to all local sports clubs in the UK, and has given over more than a quarter of a million pound since its launch in 2008, helping clubs to improve facilities; whether it's carrying out a range of repair jobs, purchasing new equipment, or arranging specialist training for its members.

The application process encourages entrants to showcase how they would use their grant to make their local club a better place for its members, either via a written entry form online or by stretching their creative muscles and submitting a video application.

This year they are also given the opportunity to dream big and let us know how they would

take the club to the next level with a whopping £10,000!

Entry is open until Friday, August 31 with the awarded clubs being announced and presented with their grants in September.

Naomi Totten, spokesperson for Paddy Power Betsfair, said: "We're delighted to launch our 10th annual Cash4Clubs drive, particularly as this year we're giving away a huge prize of £10,000 for one small club with a big idea."

"Sport is an integral part of any community and encourages both players and supporters to keep fit and healthy. Investing in grassroots facilities and local communities across the nation means we are contributing to the future of sports which is integral to the future of our industry."

For more details on how to enter, visit: cash-4-clubs.com.

Cash 4 Clubs is a sports funding scheme which gives clubs a chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and generally invest in the sustainability of their club.

The Cash 4 Clubs scheme is funded by Paddy Power Betsfair and is supported by SportsAid.

Summer Series starts at Sully Sailing Club

WHILE the Volvo Ocean Race waited for the wind, Sully Sailing Club were enjoying the sunshine and running the first two races of their Summer Series.

Patrick Mather took first blood in his RS 400 followed by Nigel Vick in his Topper and the club's newest recruit to racing, eight-year-old Isla Powell, also in a Topper and finishing in third place, well ahead of

her father who was in sixth place.

During the second race the wind went from light to next-to-nothing, giving the advantage to the slower boats who only needed to complete one lap of the course.

The winner was Nigel Vick, followed by Nicola Sutton in a Topaz Uno Race. Steve Marshall was third in his 29er, taking almost twice as long to complete the course as the slower boats.

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Barry Beavers impress at gala

ON June 16, the Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club's swimming gala team travelled to Pontypool for the Gwent Dolphin's Swimming Clubs Gala.

The 29-strong team competed against other clubs such as Gwent Dolphins, Bleanau Gwent Otters, Towy Salmon and Rhondda Polar Bears and won overall with seven golds, two silvers and five bronzes.

The whole team swam well and a lot got through to finals from their heats and went straight to finals.

The club's coach Pat Finch was very proud of the whole team for doing so well on the day and for everyone's efforts, resulting in the club winning again, the third time so far this year.

The medal winners and events as follows are: Gold - Jamie King Boys 25m, Abby Finch Girls 50m, Jen Thomson Ladies 50m, Ffion Jones Girls 100m, Jack Kemp Boys 100m, Nicholas Cushen Mens 100m,

Junior Relay (Jack Kemp, Callum Savory, Ffion Jones and Abby Finch), Silver - Cameron Torrance Boys 50m, Mark Eveleigh Mens 50m. Bronze - Amiya Watkins Girls 25m, Aidan Thomson Boys 25m, Brandon James Boys 50m, Andrew Sage Mens 50m, Sarah Davies Womens 100m.

Also we had a new member to the team, Tom Burley, who swam as well on the day. Other members who competed on the day were: Keira Dyne, Leah Marcus, Zack Dye, Suzanne Haslam, Nadine Dyne, Louise Dyer, Philip Daly, Louis Davies, Keira Richards, Holly Willis, Heather Williams, Kyle Siirak, Gareth Lloyd, Tom Burley, Tyler Savory.

NC

'Head clashes are not welcome in boxing'

HAVING watched Lee Selby fight on with cuts caused by a head clash, it brought home the realisation that skill is no defence against a head used as an unglued fist.

For me a head clash, unintentional or otherwise, should be considered a foul if either fighter is injured as a result.

Should only one fighter become injured, the perpetrator should lose a point. This can be decided by the referee and judges during the interval.

Head clashes should be strongly discouraged as they do not have to be a regular 'boxing incident'. They are not a show of skill, cause serious and lasting damage and contribute to the debate that calls for boxing to be banned. Leah Cummins, Barry.

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Caerau Dragon Bowmen take aim for a decade of success



ORIGINALLY formed in 2008, local archery club Caerau Dragon Bowmen are celebrating a decade of success and are delighted to announce that three of their members have recently gained their AGB Level 1 coaching qualifications.

Gina Burton, Tony Robinson and Rhys Edwards spent several months coaching beginners lessons at the club under the watchful eye of Simon Miskin, head coach and mentor to all three.

Being experienced archers themselves they all wanted to give something back to the sport that they enjoy.

Gina, Tony and Rhys not only

gave up their own shooting time to coach others but attended two full weekend courses and undertook a gruelling practical assessment followed by a professional interview.

"It was all well worth the time spent and now that we are all qualified then we can run beginners courses by ourselves at the club," said Tony, whose daughter Hannah joined the club recently.

She is our youngest member at eight years old and is now shooting to gain an archery GB classification score.

"The club will be able to offer beginners lessons throughout the year now that there is more coaching support," explained Simon.

"This will leave myself and Denise Davies, who is a level

three county coach, available to support the improving archers with more technical issues such as posture, strength and conditioning, technique, equipment selection and tuning."

The coaching team will be announcing dates for our summer beginners courses the first of which will be starting on June 26 and run for six weeks.

The coaching courses are run on a Tuesday evening and have been very popular in recent years - details can be found on our club website, caeraudragonbowmen.wales.

The club would like to thank Vale of Glamorgan Council's Community Chest fund and the Sports Council for Wales for assisting with funding this project.

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CADOXTON BOWLERS ARE BEATEN IN MUNRO CUP

ON an overcast evening, Cadoxton Bowls Club travelled to Penarth to complete a Munro Cup fixture.

They found the pace of the green good, but were puzzled and found difficulty with the lines, which gave the local knowledge an advantage.

Howard Craven only managed success, with his rink, in two of the opening 11 ends, before coming to terms with the conditions when the scores changed from 4-14 to draw level at 14-14.

However two '4's against took away the final result.

Derek Jeffries' rink had a '4' against on the opening end but after seven ends they led 8-6.

However a '6' on the next knocked the stuffing from them and only two further ends brought

success.

Don Kuhnell's rink achieved little for most of the match and trailed by 17 shots before three successful rinks produced eight shots. This made the final score more respectable.

Kelvin Chedgoy's rink conceded a '2' on the first, then continued by steadily increasing their advantage to 12-8 on the 11th end.

Going into the final end a two shot advantage was taken away with a '3' against.

Scores: J Stacey, E. Davies, W Craven, H Craven 14, A Stockham, B Lewis, N Thomas, G Thomas 22; A Prince, J Pap, I Heppenstall, D Jeffries 11, R Daniel, M England, P Church, C Fry 24; D Tuck, I Robertson, S Clarke, D Kuhnell 15, T Buckingham, B Willacott, P Crocker, C Grant 27; M Jones, J Davies, P Ellis, K Chedgoy 14, A. Conway, B Lansley, D Musk, B Horn 15. Final score: 54-88.

The Saturday league game was postponed as the opposing team were still in the Carruthers Cup. **DK**

Barrivale Bridge Club latest news

RESULTS for the Barrivale Bridge Club session for June 12:

1. Diana and Adrian Trickey 71.25%; 2. Debbie Richards & Noelle Bond 57.29%; 3. Laura Woodruff & Mike Close 52.50%. The handicap winners were Adrian and Diana Trickey.

As always, new members are welcome at Barrivale Bridge Club and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380, 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays

at 7pm.

Alternatively, players inexperienced or new, may attend the following sessions: Friday 10am (doors open 9.45am) at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play; Thursday afternoons for assisted play from 1.30pm-4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry, CF63 4AP (the waterfront).

While our current class for beginners continues to run on Friday mornings, new members wishing to start the class will be able to join the next beginners' class commencing this September 2018.

LH

Swell competition

CHANNEL Coast Surf Club will be holding a swell board competition on either June 30/July 1, with backup dates of July 7/8.

The competition will be a team format with teams made up of various ages and abilities and push in entries allowed.

A beach clean, run by club member Josh Vaughan, will also take place, time to be confirmed on the day.

Entry is £5 for adults and £2.50 for juniors,

with a BBQ and presentation afterwards. Fees can be paid on the day but confirmation of entry must be given by Thursday, June 28.

At present, the competition is only open to Channel Coast Surf Club and Llantwit Major Surf Lifesaving Club members, with the possibility of it opening to the general public.

To enquire about entering, or if you would like to join the surf club, please contact channelcoastsurfclub@hotmail.com/channelcoastsurfclub@gmail.com or 07969288224.

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THIS review is simple – I love a Jaguar.

And the reason for this is quite simple. My father owned several XJ models over many years, along with the odd Daimler Sovereign or two which made me into the sort of kid who loved the idea of a car with either a V8 or V12 engine.

Also, maybe I am on my own here – but I always had the impression that a Daimler was that little bit better than the Jaguar, which is why I think my father always went for the Daimler brand.

Actually, when I think about it, I have a soft spot for both of them really, but for very different reasons, which I hope one day to be able to tell you all about.

So, what's the Jaguar XE like then? Well, basically it's a very good car. Plus, Jaguar has done a terrific job of pricing it in such a way that even a normal person like me could afford to own one.

POWER AND EFFICIENCY

The XE I had on test was fitted with

the brilliant 2.0 litre Turbocharged Diesel engine that was also equipped with Intelligent Stop/Start system to enhance fuel economy.

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ON THE ROAD

The steering is accurate in whatever situation unfolds itself on the road. The chassis is also very good – and it grips the road like its life depends on it.

The suspension is also set up very nicely thanks to the Jaguar engineers taking the time to give it its defining character when out on the open road.

Also, on a motorway, it's a real dream to drive because it feels like it belongs there and nothing feels rushed or staged. True Jaguar form then!

EQUIPMENT, SAFETY AND TECHNOLOGY

The designers have added in some



nice detailing lines and the appearance is sleek but also bold – meaning you can see all the Jaguar DNA right there at the heart of the machine.

The XE is also equipped with modern and lightweight materials inside and the layout is very good. There are also some very good ideas inside and it is these ideas that make the XE stand out from the crowd.

Again, the XE's cabin layout is just

like all Jaguars' – perfect! Jaguar has always focused on the driver and what they have done on the inside of the XE is a very nice design indeed.

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TONY YATES

On and Off The Turf with Brian Lee

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan landed the Actuate Marketing Handicap Hurdle at Newton Abbot last Friday with his nine-year-old Eric The Third.

Partnered by David Noonan the 11-2 chance who carried bottom weight of 10st, 3lbs in a field of nine runners won by 15 lengths from No No Cardinal ridden by Welsh jockey James Davies.

Charlie Price, 20, who rides out for Abertthin's Tim Vaughan, landed the restricted open race for him at the Torrington Farmers Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Umberleigh last Saturday which saw the end of the 2017/18 season.

Midnight Queen, a 9-2 chance, beat Euro Bond with the odds-on favourite Gowell, ridden

by Cowbridge's Byron Moorcroft, in third place.

CHARLIE WINS Versatile Charlie, the former Arabian Racehorse Champion Novice rider, recently rattled up a three-timer at Wolverhampton with Al Muthana and Al Monther for owner HH Sheikh Hamdan and trainer Phil Collington and the evergreen Noble Athlete for Aberkenfig's Delyth Thomas.

Price told the press after his win in the first of those races: "Al Muthana is a nice-three-year-old who I've ridden a couple of times at Phil's. I try to go up once a week to ride out there. The hood kept him settled, he wasn't too green and he ran a really nice race, he kept galloping to the line."

Of his win on the 16-year-old Noble Athlete

who was having his first start over six furlongs since 2011 and who was recording his 17th victory, Noble Athlete actually broke his maiden status at the course way back in 2007 over one mile and one furlong.

He has since won at the track a further three times on both Polytrack and now Tarpeta, and he said: "He's my favourite horse to ride. He was out of his depth at Chepstow in the higher grade at his age last time. You really have to ride him but I know the horse off by heart having won three races on him in 2016."

He added: "You just have to keep him happy and keep him focused in front. As long as he gets his way, he'll run the right race for you. He got his way here, he jumped off quickly and I kept on to him the whole way. He's a legend."

Mrs Thomas said: "Noble Athlete has won five times at Wolverhampton and has won from six furlongs to a mile and two furlongs and once finished third in a listed race at Newmarket."

ISABEL PIPPED Llancafarn's Isabel Williams, 20, who was sharing the lead in the race for the Fullers Women's National Novice Riders Championship with Alcester's Alice Stevens, 19 – they were both on the eight winners mark – before Saturday's Torrington Farmers' meeting which saw the end of the season – has been pipped on the post.

While Isabel was away on a long-planned holiday, Alice was in North Devon winning the ladies' open race on 4-1 chance Rendezvous Peak to claim the prize.

She can certainly hold her head up high and has won the Welsh ladies' title, beating former four-times champion Jodie Hughes from Pembrokeshire.

BRIAN LEE

Championship drama at Barry Chess Club

THE fifth and final round of this year's Barry Club Championships has now taken place.

Congratulations go to the winners of both the Open and Plate sections – and there is a new name on both trophies this season.

In the Open section there were only two players in with a chance of winning the trophy. However with a big tie break advantage it would have required a number of results going the right way for Mark Cooke to overtake Dave Parsons who has led the tournament since round two.

Mark did his best by winning his game to finish on four points from his five matches.

However it wasn't enough as Dave Parsons drew his match with Scott Turner to finish on 4.5 points.

Dave's victory in round three over Mark was the deciding factor in the tournament – well done Dave.

The Plate was a lot closer. Going into the final round three players were in contention, Scott Turner and Martin Ricketts on 2.5 points with Peter Watkins a half point further back.

As mentioned above, Scott earned a draw but did wonder if he should have played on a bit longer. A victory for Martin over Peter would

have given him the trophy.

Having put himself into a good position Martin merely had to play a combination in the right order.

Sadly for Martin he managed to get his move order mixed up and successfully turned a winning position into a losing one.

Instead of being a piece up Martin was now a piece down and struggling on time. The victory pushed Peter into the Plate runner-up position, while for Martin there is always next year.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>.

PJ

COULD YOU SCORE OR CADDY?

SPECIAL Olympics Wales would like to appeal to members of the golfing world if they would volunteer to score/caddy at the Special Olympics Wales Regional Golf Championships on Monday, July 9 at St Andrews Major Golf Club.

This competition is over both 18 and nine holes for adults with intellectual (learning) disabilities.

If interested, please contact Jeff Savory via specialolympicswales@gmail.com or call 0780 316 5581.

JS

Penarth Windsor Alliance team leading the way

STAR billing this week goes to Dave Howells' Alliance team, who recorded yet another win in this record-breaking season.

This time it was a very close two shot victory over near neighbours Penarth.

Scores: Dave Adams, Martin Dorrell, Hugh Morris and Lance Davies 18-12; Dave Brenton, Paul Parker, Keith Williams and Dave Lewis 23-15; Tommy Owen, Peter Collier, Tom Evans and captain Howells 18-17; Brin Peregrine, Mike Fullbrook, Tim White and Mike Cuccinello 10-23.

The only other men's match this week was that of the second team who faced a Dinas Powys side which showed a number of changes from the one that had faced Penarth the previous week.

Despite those changes, Dinas proved the better side on the day, beating Windsor by 10 shots.

Captain Simon Latham led from the front and along with Brin Peregrine, Alan Dudley and Mike Cuccinello secured a 24-12 rink victory.

Mike Matthews, Charles Burton, Clive Palfrey and Dave Howells also won with a score of 21-14.

However two rinks went down -

Tom Evans, Ian Mathias, John Hardess and Derek Davies 14-23 and finally Tommy Owen, Roger Ellis, Arty Woodcock and Dave Hales 10-30.

Sympathy for young Hales who was clearly exhausted by the extra length of his journey to the club.

The ladies had a most enjoyable and successful evening at Mackintosh, winning comfortably by 44 shots to 22. The game was made even more enjoyable as they were serenaded throughout by a practising choir who rejoice in the name of "Only Menopause Aload".

Rink scores: Ann Morrish, Bernice Roberts, Diane Roper and Moyra Owen 21-13; Angela Hudson, Mags Coughlan, Veronica Flitney and Di Thomas 23-9.

Sadly, the other match was a chastening experience in the Double Rink game.

As always, Windsor fielded an inexperienced side in accordance with the spirit of this competition but many opposition sides are having to play some of their best bowlers because of a shortage of players.

Such was the case with Barry Romilly, who romped to victory by 54 shots to 16.

PM

GREAT WEEK FOR SULLY BOWLS CLUB

WHAT a week was had by the Sully Bowls Club.

On paper two away games is never good but for the first time in many a year two victories ensued.

On Wednesday night a trip to the Murch, Dinas Powys, turned out to be a real nail-biter.

On five ends the home side were running away with it at 20-8 but Sully started to find the heavier green and on 10 ends had turned it round to 34-31.

It was nip and tuck all the way with a special mention for Albert Kelly who, well in his 80s, had a simply superb game at lead.

The rink of Albert, Huw Thomas, Trevor Murphy and Doug Hotchkiss carried the

night with a 23-8 win but the rink of Dave Davies, Richard Fitzjohn, Stewart Phillips and Hugh Levick Jones scored the winning shots, taking a three on the last end to get the winning match margin, drawing 14-14 but giving Sully a 58-55 overall win.

Ben Curtis, Doug Curtis, Alan Rees and Dennis Edwards' rink went down 14-15 and Eddie Pryer, Paul Neale, Alan Thomas and Dave Curtis lost 7-18.

Come Saturday, the first rain of the season stopped just as play began and a good afternoon ensued.

On a beautiful surface in Llantwit Major nothing was expected as we had lost a fortnight before in the Munro Cup but how

wrong we were.

At five ends it was 15-22, at 10 ends 37-40, and after 15 it was 62-58.

Andy Smith, Doug Curtin, M Hardy and Brian Griffiths' rink held on to take a two for a three shot win with three other rinks up.

Other scores: Stewart Phillips, Alan Rees, Doug Hotchkiss and Fred Phillips 15-26; Ben Curtis, Trevor Murphy, and Dennis Edwards 18-15; Garth John, Richard Fitzjohn, Alan Thomas and Dave Curtis 24-16, the final score 80-77 overall.

This week the Villagers are at home against Taffs Well on Saturday.

TM

Romilly hold their nerve

ON Saturday, Romilly Bowls Club entertained Penyrheol in the first round knockout stage of the Carruthers Shield.

After seven ends, only the rink of A Bannister, D Francis, M Newman, G Cogbill were ahead 7-1; unfortunately that was as good as it got, only picking up four more shots all game to lose 11-21.

With 14 ends gone, Romilly were one shot to the good, 41-40, with the rink of A. Bryan, G Rees, G Eastment, J Wright taking control of the game to run out 21-11 winners.

The rink of D Noble, J Daly, C Collins and M Doyle, trailing by one shot, kept the game tight. A vital three came on the last end, invaluable to keep overall scores tight, eventually losing 15-17.

The fourth rink of K

Mills, P Swannick, R Jones and skipped by the old Romilly warrior B Foscolo tied at 11-11. He rallied his boys around and they finished 18-16 victors.

With all the scores tallied up it confirmed a one end shoot out. The coin was tossed, Penyrheol win the toss and elect to keep the jack, giving them the length to play but last bowls to Romilly.

With the decider underway all eyes were looking across the green with all Penyrheol's bowls delivered and, after a double check was taken, it was revealed Romilly were one shot ahead, with the last two not needed.

Penyrheol entertain Romilly in the CML Division One game this week. Will it be a double or will revenge be taken - watch this space!

The next round of the Carruthers will be at home to Dinas Powys.

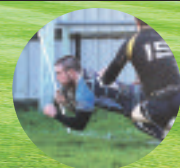
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Successful summer tour sees Wales gain valuable momentum

MOMENTUM can be a wonderful thing, particularly in sport. Once a team, or an individual, gains momentum then their confidence levels are up, their self-belief stronger than ever, the fear of failure diminishing with every success.

For the Welsh rugby team, these feelings must be particularly strong right now, coming off the back of a tricky end-of-season tour that saw them face South Africa in Washington before taking on Argentina in their own back yard for a two game test series.

Given that this was a tour where Warren Gatland chose to leave many of

his first-choice players at home, to rest up in preparation for a long season that will continue until the end of next year's Rugby World Cup in Japan, the tour was tempered by Gatland's assertion that its aim was to blood players with little or no international experience, and to offer those players knocking on the door of the starting XV game time and a chance to impress.

The statistics read played three, won three, the opening game against the Springboks won with an element of luck, but Wales rode it and proceeded to outplay the Argentinians two weeks running, the first game a tour de force of defensive discipline married to the occasional burst of attacking flair and a somewhat disappointing penalty count, while last Saturday's win was built on

by GARETH JAMIESON

showing more guile and desire to outplay an Argentina side who looked and played like a team lacking direction (unsurprising since their coach, Daniel Hourcade, proceeded to announce his departure from the role, post-match, after this week's game against Scotland).

So where does this leave Wales 14 months away from their journey, Japan? Well, certainly stronger than before the tour, the stepping up to the plate of a number of players giving Gatland the best headache he could have wished for, and, for now, diminishing the argument that Wales lack strength in depth.

After all, defeating the Springboks

was far from easy, and Argentina are no slouches, benefiting as they have done from the constant competition in the Rugby Championship.

What they also have is that pivotal momentum. Yes, losing these three games certainly wouldn't have been the end of the world given the strength of the squad available and the coaches' unstinting belief that the tour would be measured more by performance than results (not the first time a New Zealand-born Welsh coach has mentioned those words) but having taken three wins from three, you need only look to events in South Africa to see what defeat (with a first-choice team) can do to morale, expectation and post-match interviews.

The success has also placed pressure

on those players who missed the tour to start the new season by hitting the ground running. While Gatland is unlikely to overhaul his first-choice team massively, the success of many of the players on this tour places the emphasis on the returning big-name players to up their game, which can only be a good thing.

We'll learn far more from an autumn series that sees Wales take on Scotland, Australia, Tonga and South Africa again, and from next year's Six Nations, the last before the World Cup, as to how Wales compare to the teams around them – but the auspices from this tour are good, and, as we know, momentum is everything.

Blue Bulls are defeated in dramatic game

RHONDDA Outlaws fought hard for a dramatic 30-26 win over Bridgend Blue Bulls at Pyle.

They scored the winner in the last few minutes of the game after Bridgend had battled their way back into the encounter.

Rhondda led for

much of the game and scored first through a Jackson Huntley try. The referee gave Max Hendy's conversion despite appeals that the ball had perhaps gone under the bar.

An unconverted Tom Hale try made it 10-0 to Rhondda before Bridgend got their first of the day through Jo Williams that Gareth

Howells converted.

Mark Jones then Dean Whatley scored unconverted tries to extended Outlaws' lead to 18-6 before Bridgend's comeback started in earnest after the break.

First Nathan Hawkins scored with Howells adding the goal. Dai Pound followed him over in the corner with the conversion missed, then Rhys Pope's try, converted by Howells, made it 22-18, putting them in the lead for the first time in the game.

Rhondda regained the advantage through a Morgan Cross try converted by Chris Harris, but Bridgend went back into a 26-24 lead after Scott Walter's unconverted effort.

Then with two minutes to go, Jones broke a three-man tackle to run 30 metres to score Rhondda's winner and Hendy putting the icing on the cake with the conversion.

IG

VALE FIRSTS FALL TO DEFEAT AT LEAGUE LEADERS SULLY

VALE CC first XI travelled to table-toppers Sully as they looked to strengthen their promotion push.

On a day where rain threatened to disrupt most of the first innings, Vale proved unable to conquer a strong Sully side.

Captain Davies won the toss and elected to bowl first and his opener Darren Upham (2-26) did not disappoint his skipper with his nine over opening spell.

Upham dismissed both the Sully openers in the first three overs without conceding a run. The first wicket

was a sharply taken catch by Sean Rowland at backwards square leg and the second well taken catch by wicket keeper Harry Withers.

C Thomas (26) was the next batsman to fall as he top edged an attempted pull shot up high which was well-taken by Tom Gingell. C Thomas had great difficulty dealing with J Hodges (3-34), who bowled with aggressive pace and bounce.

Hodges switched from short-pitched bowling to claim another two wickets as he clean bowled a further two batsman. Alex Upham (1-51) took the fifth wicket as he had the dangerous T

Edwards (40) caught behind by Withers but it was the sixth wicket partnership that changed the shape of this innings for Sully.

Goodway (73) and R Griffith (50) took the score from 95-5 to 230, the partnership finally ended by Snelson (3-16) who had Goodway trapped LBW.

Ultimately, some poor ground fielding and one or two loose balls allowed Sully to settle in the middle overs and took away what had been an excellent start by Vale CC and Sully ended their innings on 244-10 as Vale rallied to claim the final few wickets.

After tea Vale

openers Withers (26) and Snelson (64) punished some wayward bowling early on but it was not to last long as Withers' enjoyable flurry ended abruptly as he mistimed a pull shot and was caught at midwicket in the sixth over, leaving the total 33-1.

McCay, A Upham, Oram and Hodges failed to trouble the scorers much and were unable to stick around with Snelson, who looked increasingly more settled as the innings progressed.

Captain Davies joined his opener at the crease and took the score from 41-5 to 101-6 before he was bowled by J Griffith (2-22) for a well constructed 26.

From then on player was able to really add the score but Snelson managed to motor

along before he was eventually caught and bowled by Bruce (3-21) as he tried to get Vale closer to the target score.

Sully took a little while but their bowlers did find their form and bowled with good consistency. Special mentions must go to opening bowlers Bharrat (3-35) and G Thomas (2-48).

For Vale, it was good that Darren Upham continued his impressive form with the ball and Snelson also managed to claim some vital wickets in his first spell of bowling this season.

This week, Vale play Ebbw Vale at home in Courtown and will now be looking to put together back to back victories as they approach the halfway stage of the season.

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Porthcawl Bridge Club

THE club recently held the Martha Davies Teams Trophy event, in which more experienced pairs are randomly drawn with less experienced pairs, then playing as a team.

This year's event was won by Pat, Mari, Dil and Marian.

Other results from the club are:

June 2: First – Peter and Sandie Jenkins; second – Dil and Marian Evans. June 7: First – Tony Haworth and Keith Davison; second – Roger

Draper and Rory Gibbon. June 9: First – Roger Plant and Betty Longley; second – Tony Haworth and John Beard. June 14, Martha Davies Handicap Team: First – Pat Roper, Mari Harris, Dil and Marian Evans; second – Tony Haworth, John Beard, Maurice and Margaret Harris.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre; Thursdays 6.45pm – 9.45pm; Saturdays 3pm – 6pm; visitors welcome at any time.

To contact the club, call secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

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Bridgend Bridge Club news

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follows:

On Wednesday, June 13: First, Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner; second, Tony Disley and John Evans; third, Rob Forman and Alan Heath. The winners on handicap were Linda Pinnock and Bill Turner.

On Thursday, June 14: First, Stewart Norton and Ivor Hicks; second, Margaret Roach and Joan Ralph; third, Leila O'Hagan and Dee Finch. The winners on handicap were Stewart Norton and

Ivor Hicks.

On Friday, June 15: First, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones; second, Kevin Maddox and Tony Haworth; third, Liam Sheridan and Glenda Roberts. The winners on handicap were Irene Thomas and Graham Jones.

Regular club nights take place on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall. Play is scheduled to start at 7pm, to enable a prompt start, it helps if players arrive at least 10 minutes early.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm, again at Nolton

Church Hall, there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

Lessons for beginners are being run by Steve Burgoyne – contact Steve for further details on his number below.

For further information about the lessons and any other of the club activities contact Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968 or David Newman on 01656 649138.

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